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WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM SWEEPS THE BALKANS

NEW YUGOSLAV CABINET

The new Yugoslav Cabinet has been completed by General Simovitch, with himself as Prime Minister.

The three members who resigned from the former Cabinet as a protest against the signing of the Axis Pact return to office.

They are M. Kulovetz, who becomes Minister of Public Works, M. Tschubricovitch, who becomes Minister of Agriculture, and M. Budishlevitch, who has resumed office as Minister of Interior.

The Croat leader, Dr. Mathek, becomes first Vice-Premier. Although he was a member of the previous Cabinet and a party to adherence to the Axis Pact, he has always opposed subservience to Germany.

All Parties Included

M. Yovanovitch has been appointed second Vice-Premier. He was among those who earlier appealed to Prince Paul against signature of the Axis Pact.

The Cabinet includes representatives of all leading Serb, Croat and Slovene parties.—Reuter.

Yugoslav Coup Stirs Excitement

A WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM AND REJOICING SWEEPED GREECE WHEN THE NEWS OF THE YUGOSLAV REVOLUTION BECAME KNOWN. ATHENS RADIO FOLLOWED ITS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEWS BY BROADCASTING THE YUGOSLAV NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PATRIOTIC SONGS.

Special editions of the Greek newspapers were rushed into the streets.

General opinion in Athens is that the "Yugoslav people have proved worthy of its brave and chivalrous tradition."

Demonstrations of support for the Yugoslavs were general in Salonika. Local Serbian residents showed unrestrained joy and there were also scenes of fervent enthusiasm on the Albanian front.

At points where Greeks and Yugoslavs were in contact, soldiers of the two countries embraced each other and saluted their respective flags.

In Athens itself the news of the coup d'etat was received with great enthusiasm.

Crowds gathered outside the Yugoslav Legation, shouting "Long Live King Peter."

Broad Smiles

Men read special editions of the newspapers with trembling hands and strangers in the streets shook hands excitedly.

The King of Greece entered Military Headquarters smiling happily and broad smiles broke out on the faces of his Ministers.

In Washington, the coup d'etat is the sole topic. It is described as the most cheering news since the British and Greek defeats of the Italians.

Matsuoka Rebound

IT IS THOUGHT IN WASHINGTON THAT THIS FIRST MAJOR DIPLOMATIC DEFEAT FOR HITLER WILL BE OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE BALKANS.

It is thought in Washington, for instance, that Hitler demanded the signature by Yugoslavia of the Axis Pact when he did in order to impress Mr. Matsuoka and to induce Japan to enter the war.

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General Strike In Syria

The general strike has broken out afresh in many centres in Syria, says a Jerusalem despatch to the Independent French Agency.

Offices have been closed, and traffic suspended in Damascus, Aleppo and other towns. It is stated, while military forces have been sent to Damascus and Aleppo.

The leaders of the "national bloc" who instigated the movement, claim a wide degree of autonomy for Syria and the calling of a National Assembly.—Reuter.

BERLIN'S STIFF UPPER LIP

The Axis is significantly silent on yesterday's developments in Yugoslavia.

Competent circles in Berlin stated that up to midday they had received "no authentic information in regard to events in Belgrade," states the official German news agency, and therefore official and semi-official circles in Berlin refrain from taking up any attitude in the matter.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL QUARTERS LIKEWISE DECLINE TO EXPRESS ANY VIEW CONCERNING THE BELGRADE EVENTS, ACCORDING TO WIRELESS REPORTS FROM ROME.

No telephone message has been received in Rome from the Italian Legation in Belgrade, it was added.—Reuter.

ITALY'S AFRICAN EMPIRE NOW AT WAVELL'S MERCY

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)
ITALY'S AFRICAN EMPIRE is now in the hands of General Wavell, and with the fall of Keren, General Wavell is a free man — free to fight another enemy.

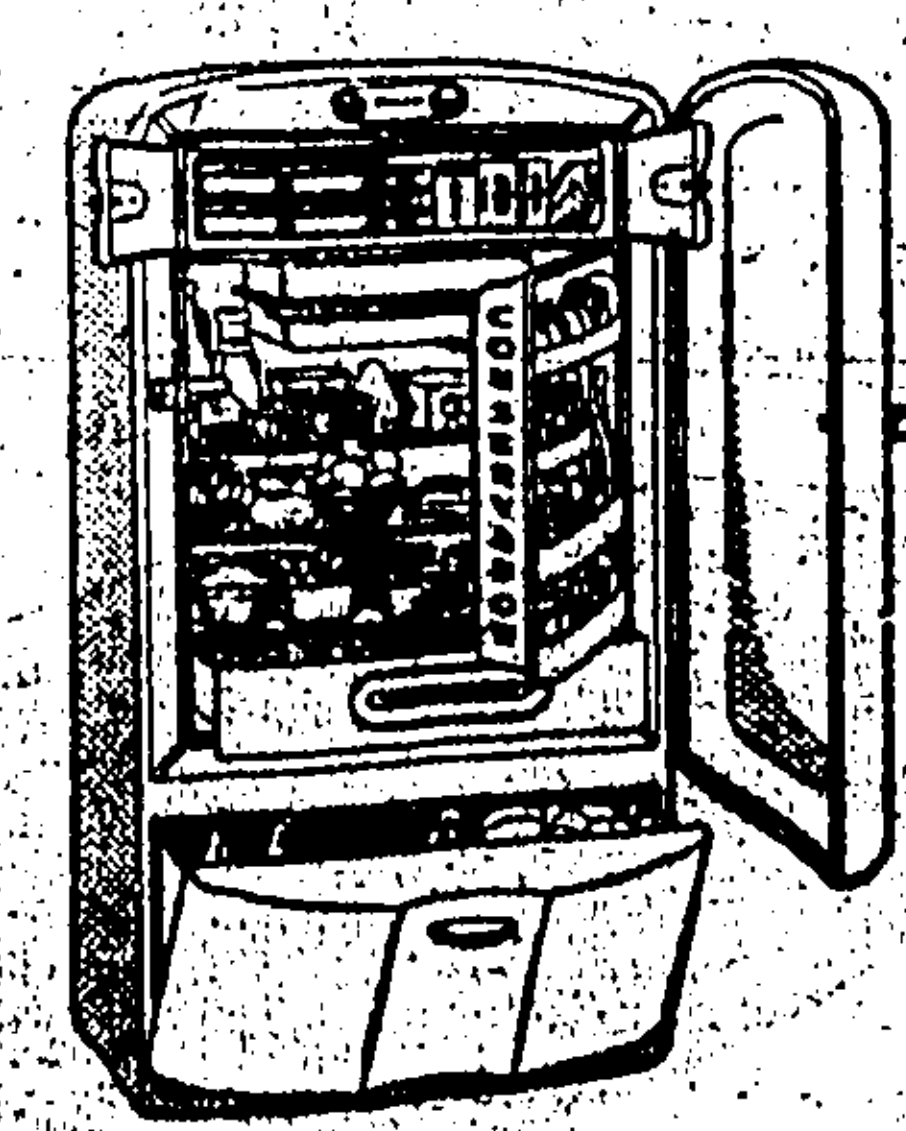
The Italians fought at Keren as they have never fought before in the history of their race. They fought superbly — and now they have been beaten only because of the outstandingly brilliant tactics of General Wavell.

General Wavell did an astonishing thing. After his capture of Sidi Barrani, on the Egyptian-Libyan border, he diverted the two forces which had captured this place, one of which was entirely Indian, southwards to the Sudan.

Their task was to undertake operations from Kassala, on the Eritrean border, whence the attack on Keren really began, to

Gallabat. Few commanders have ever risked such an operation with a distance to traverse in between of more than 1,000 miles over desert country. GENERAL WAVELL AND THE MAJORITY OF HIS FORCES ARE NOW FREE. HE CAN LEAVE AFRICA IF NECESSARY AND APPLY HIS GENIUS ELSEWHERE.—REUTER.

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Young King Peter's Coup In Mind For Several Days

REVELATION OF LETTER TO LONDON

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE MANLY AND COURAGEOUS ROLE PLAYED BY THE BOY KING PETER OF YUGOSLAVIA HAS CAUSED FIERCE PRIDE BUT NOT SURPRISE AMONG THOSE IN LONDON WHO KNOW HIM BEST.

Although kept in the shadow by the Regent, Prince Paul, and a group of pro-Axis politicians, the youthful monarch watched events silently.

AIRMEN HARRYING ITALIANS

British and South African warplanes are continuing to harry the Italians in East Africa.

R.A.F. and South African bombers severely attacked the Addis-Ababa-Djibouti railway again on Wednesday, says an R.A.F. communique in Cairo, causing heavy damage to the track, rolling stock and bridges.

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and badly damaged enemy motor transport near Gondar.

Enemy positions in the hills around Keren were again heavily and frequently bombed.

South African fighters shot

He has not been a puppet in the recent dramatic events but has been quietly awaiting his hour.

The last diplomatic bag to reach London from Belgrade arrived four weeks ago and contained a letter from King Peter to one of his most intimate confidants in London.

IT MAY NOW BE REVEALED THAT IN THE LETTER KING PETER WROTE: "I AM WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN YUGOSLAVIA WILL DECIDE AGAINST THE NAZIS SO THAT I CAN TAKE CHARGE OF THE ARMY."

Within less than a month the boy King's ambition has been fulfilled.—Reuter.

down two Fiat fighters in this area.

Another communique states that 120 tons of bombs have been dropped on Keren by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force during the past 12 days.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC BASE AGREEMENT SIGNED

In a felicitous atmosphere, the Anglo-American agreement for leasing Atlantic bases to the United States was signed in the Cabinet Room at 10, Downing Street yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Churchill made a happy gesture to the American signatories by using four special fountain-pens which afterwards were presented to Mr. John Winant, the Ambassador, and his three colleagues as mementoes.

Each recipient's name was engraved on each pen.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON NOT SURPRISED

News of the revolution in Yugoslavia was not entirely unexpected by official circles in Washington, in view of recent reports of anti-Axis sentiment.

While it is denied that the United States Administration has done anything in the nature of advising Belgrade, the United States undoubtedly placed clearly before the Belgrade Government in recent days the benefits of British and American aid which would accrue to Yugoslavia if she resisted the Axis.—Reuter.

MATSUOKA RECEIVES ITALIAN ENVOY

Mr. Matsuoka received the Italian Ambassador to Germany yesterday. They had "a long and cordial conversation," according to Rome radio, says Reuter.

A FAMOUS BAND

Many star instrumentalists of famous dance bands are serving in the R.A.F. Indeed there is scarcely a "top of the bill" band which is not well represented.

From Ambrose's Band alone, eight men joined up together. They hoped their peace time association might continue, and in this they are lucky for they are still all together at an R.A.F. station.

Lads who previously worked for Jack Hylton, Jack Payne, Jack Harris, Billy Cotton, Lew Stone, and half a score of other popular band leaders are now in R.A.F. uniform.

While these men are under training, they are, still given opportunities to be bandmen.

That is why the R.A.F. has been able to form what is claimed to be the best dance band in the country—a section of the Central Band of the R.A.F. under Wing Commander R. P. O'Donnell, M.V.O., Director of Music.

Every man in this R.A.F. dance band is known to the public.

Recently the band has been touring R.A.F. stations giving complete entertainments with guest artists. Shortly it is to broadcast, and will also be making a series of gramophone records. The proceeds will go to R.A.F. charities and the Comforts Fund.

"SEVERE ICING CONDITIONS"

Frequently in news bulletins and pilots' stories the phrase occurs 'we found severe icing conditions'. Ice is one of the real troubles which sometimes beset our bomber pilots on their long runs, but most of them are so experienced that they can avoid serious consequences by taking proper action. They may have to come lower, and find a slightly warmer temperature, or they may go much higher and find conditions cold but dry.

Sometimes, however, they cannot get out of the icing conditions by either move; the humidity and temperature are against them. Then it is a matter of real air-manship, and not infrequently an anxious time. Ice, not in flakes but in considerable chunks is thrown from the aircrew and other parts of the aircraft, and sometimes the carburettor intake suffers.

Recently a pilot returned from a long trip with a smile and a very black eye. He had been taking one of our heavy bombers across to pay a visit to a particular target in Germany. The Germans suffered from his visit; but on the way his aircraft iced up so badly that the aircrew was throwing off ice in disturbing quantities. One particularly large piece came off with such force that it broke through the glazing of the cockpit and almost knocked the pilot out, hitting him squarely in the face. Only the fact that the glazing had checked the force of the blow saved him from more serious damage. Still he reached home and landed his aircraft safely.

A night or two later another pilot who had been no more than a few miles, by road, walked into an obstruction in the black-out. He too sustained a blackish eye. When he appeared in the mess he was greeted with a genial chorus: "More ice?" and blushing retired, unable to claim the alibi.

COUP'S PROFOUND EFFECT ON MILITARY POSITION

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE REVOLT OF THE Yugoslav people and armed forces under their young King against Nazi domination and their own Quislings will have a profound effect on the military situation.

The Nazi forces cannot use Yugoslavia as a base for attacking Greece down the Varda Valley and this passage is now denied them unless they are prepared to fight for it.

The fighting will be severe and German casualties will be heavy if they attempt force. The troops they will have to meet and defeat are brave, the country is most difficult, lending itself extremely favourably to defensive operations.

The situation which the Nazi General Staff now have to deal with is either to carry through an attack on a very restricted front against Greece down the Struma Valley, with a subsidiary advance perhaps

down the Mesta Valley, or bring up considerably larger forces for a simultaneous attack on Yugoslavia as well.

Hitler Checked

This would put a considerable increased strain on German resources, and moreover there is no certainty of success.

First result of the new situation in Yugoslavia will probably be to delay for several weeks at least any German move in the Balkans.—Reuter.

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The fateful period was that between August 8 last year and October 31 and the full story amply corroborates Mr. Churchill's famous testimony to the Royal Air Force: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

In contrast to all previous major world contests, with the roar of guns, the flash of shells, fountains of erupting earth—in this battle the only outward sign was the pattern of white vapour trails four and five, sometimes six miles above the ground, by aircraft flying at over 300 miles an hour like tiny diamond specks in the sunlight, while the population continued their normal activities, ignorant of the tremendous issues being decided upstairs.

In a few days, the southern towns of England and the capital of the Empire itself were, the Germans planned, to suffer the fate of Warsaw and Rotterdam and the war was to be ended.

Told Statistically

How the plan of daylight air conquest was frustrated and the enemy took to the cover of the night before throwing in the sponge is told statistically.

At the outset, the Germans sank five ships and damaged five more sailing in coastal convoys. In London, they did considerable damage to the docks, to various famous buildings and they destroyed some thousands of houses.

Civilian Casualties

During the daylight phase of the blitzkrieg air offensive, they

killed 1,700 persons, nearly all of them civilians, and seriously wounded 3,360.

At night, 12,581 were killed and 16,956 injured, but at the end of the 84 days (compared with the 37 days the Germans took to overrun the Netherlands, Belgium and France), they not only failed to destroy the R.A.F. fighter squadrons (which were actually stronger at the end of the battle than at the beginning), but their failure meant the defeat of the formidable Luftwaffe and of the carefully designed strategic plan on which Mr. Adolf Hitler had set his mind—the invasion of Britain.

Enormous Losses

The Luftwaffe which, as Goebbels said on the eve of the battle, had "prepared the conquest of the last enemy, England," did its utmost and paid very heavily for the attempt.

In these 84 days, 2,375 German aircraft were destroyed in daylight. This figure takes no account of those destroyed at night-time or those seen, by the thousand, staggering back to their bases.

This victory was, however, not achieved without cost and it is now announced that the Royal Air Force lost 375 pilots killed and 358 wounded in the same period.—Reuter.

HITLER AND MR. MATSUOKA TALK FOR HOURS

HITLER RECEIVED Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in the new Chancellery, says the official German news agency, and besides Ribbentrop, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin (General Oshima), the German Ambassador in Tokyo (General Ott) and Meissner, head of the presidential chancellery, were present.

Doernberg, the Chief of Protocol, accompanied Mr. Matsuoka from the Bellevue Palace, and the agency adds, the Berlin population gave the Japanese visitor "an enthusiastic reception."

Hitler's bodyguard rendered military honours in the hall of the Chancellery.

The Hitler-Matsuoka meeting lasted two and a half hours.

According to the official German news agency "all current questions were dealt with in an atmosphere of cordial friendship."

After the meeting the Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said: "The principle of preventing an expansion of the war in accordance

with the Tripartite Pact was confirmed."

Scope Of War

This applied, he said, to the East as well as the West. Anyone entering the war must be regarded as an enemy of the "great allied powers."

Questioned by foreign journalists, the spokesman added: "It is difficult to separate diplomatic from military affairs. To-day's talk covered the scope of the whole war against Britain." — Reuter.

"SEND PRIVATES MONEY, TOO"

Captain Margesson, War Minister, has been asked to abolish a distinction between British officer and private soldier prisoners of war in Germany.

He will agree, it is expected, that privates—as well as officers—can have £2 sent to them from time to time.

The Health Minister, Mr. Macdonald, told Parliament that he hoped soon to introduce legislation to protect the health and pensions insurance rights of British seamen prisoners of war.

This question arose over the back subscriptions of the seamen held in the Nazi gaol-ship Altmark.

LEND AND LEASE VOTE SIGNED

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the Lend and Lease Appropriation Bill providing \$7,000,000,000 to aid the Allies, says Reuter from New York.

DEFENCE AGAINST TYRANNY

Text of the Anglo-American Lended Bases Agreement, signed in London yesterday, has been issued together with an official statement.

The statement says, the signing of the agreement, coming so soon after the passing of the Lend and Lease Act, "marks one more stage in the development of the policy of good neighbourliness and friendly cooperation to which the two Democracies in their common interests have devoted themselves."

"BRITISH INTERESTS ARE NO LESS THAN AMERICAN. AND THE INTERESTS OF THE COLONIES THEMSELVES WHERE THE BASES ARE SITUATED, AND CANADA AND NEW-FOUNDLAND, WILL BE SERVED BY THE ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH THE FULLEST AND FREEST FACILITIES POSSIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY ENSURE WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED AS SECURITY 'AGAINST THE DANGERS OF THE FUTURE'."

"The leasing of these bases represents further and very real contributions by the territories concerned to the Allied cause and defence against tyranny."—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVIA LIVENS STOCK MARKET

The Yugoslav developments dispelled an early drooping tendency on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and caused a general cheerful sentiment together with a larger volume of business. Interest continues to be mainly centred in gilt-edged which advanced strongly, with war Loan closing at a new high level. Home rails were also a good feature while industrials recovered from early small declines. Kaffirs met with Cape and local buying while oils encountered more activity.—Reuter.

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FATE OF ERITREA SEALED

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The fall of Keren practically means the end of the campaign in Eritrea, Italy's oldest and most developed holding in North Africa.

The capital, Asmara, and its chief seaport, Massawa, are not likely to put up any serious resistance.

The Duke of Aosta has been concentrating all available strength in defence of two points—Addis Ababa, in Abyssinia, and Keren, in Eritrea.

Asmara and Massawa will probably meet the same fate as Keren in a matter of days, whereas the capture of Keren has taken weeks.

The Italians have fought well here and their heavy losses testify to their qualities when fighting with backs to the wall, but the British attacks have been pressed home inexorably and the fall of Keren was inevitable.

Last Link

The capture of Harrar also is very important as it threatens the last link between Addis Ababa and the sea at Djibouti, the subjection of which need not be hurried and can be left largely to the Abyssinian patriots.

End of the campaign in Eritrea, however, will release large Imperial forces at a moment when they will be doubly precious in other spheres of the Near East.

INCIDENTALLY THERE SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLE WAR MATERIAL AWAITING HARVEST AT MASSAWA.—REUTER.

BLUFF WON'T DO IN ARMY

Men who believe themselves to be of superior intelligence are being "found out" in the Army.

When the Army has put them through their tests many find themselves graded well down the scale while many manual workers—who don't claim to be intellectuals—come out on top.

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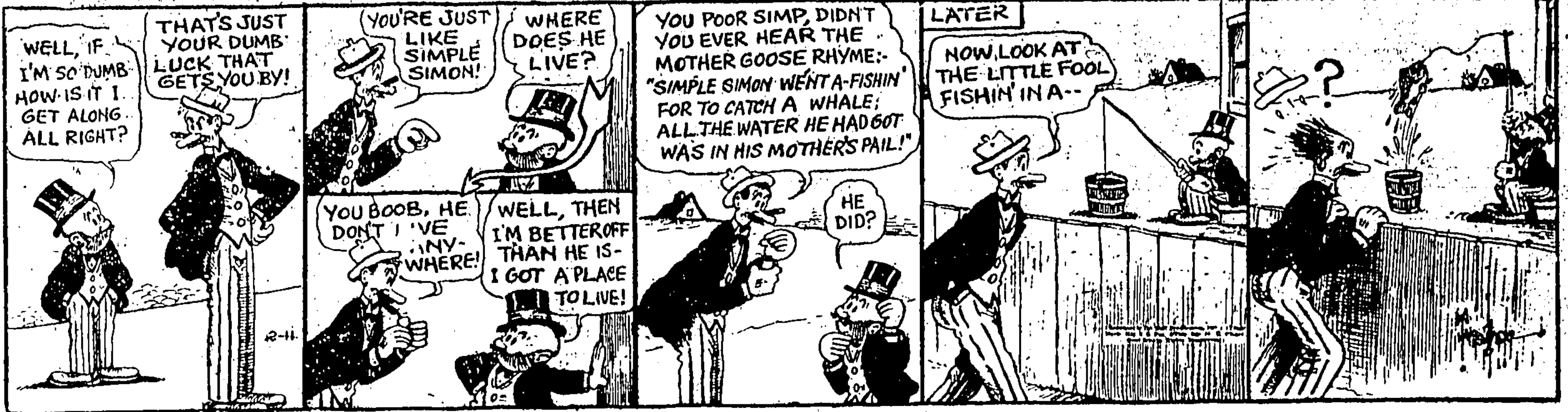
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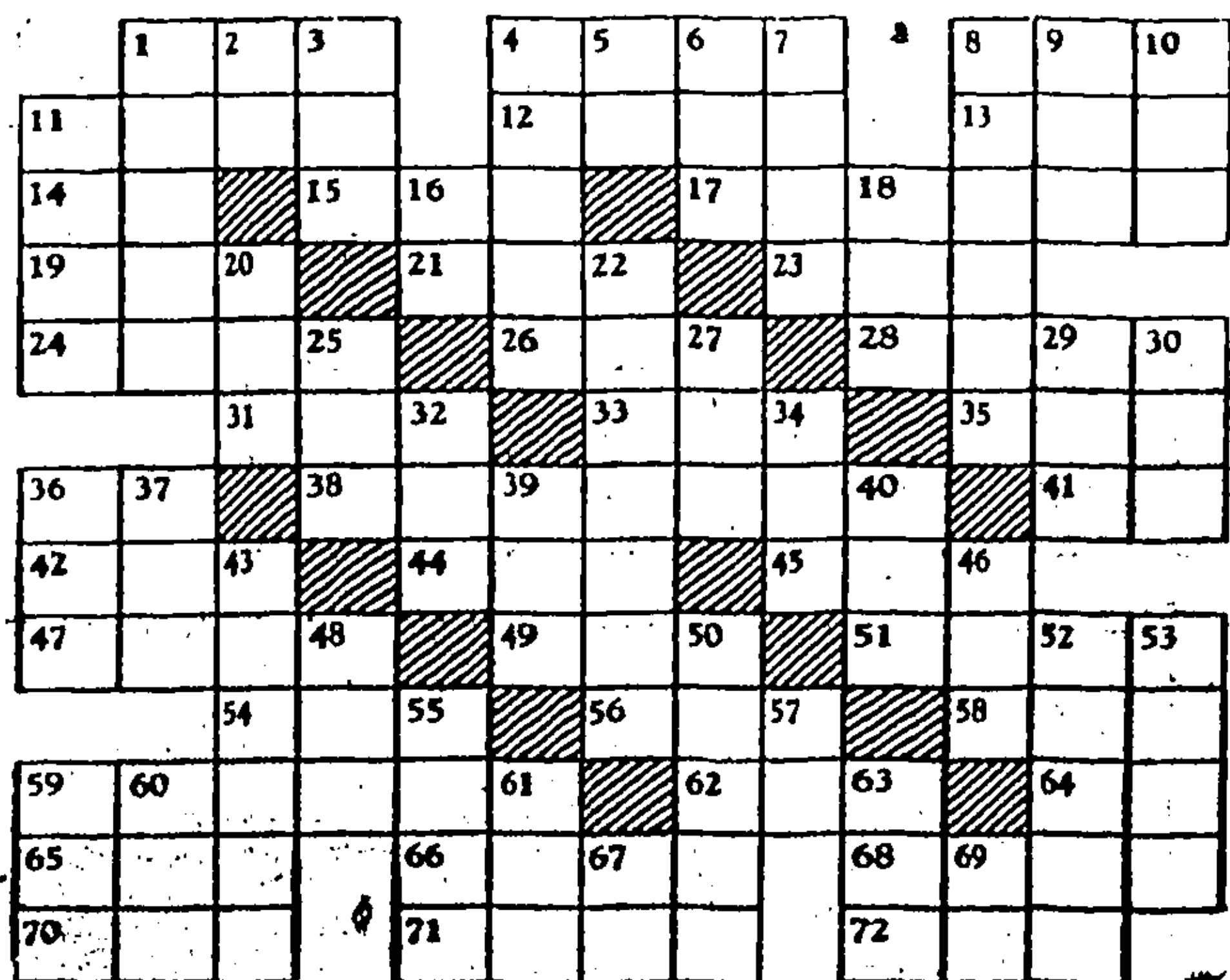
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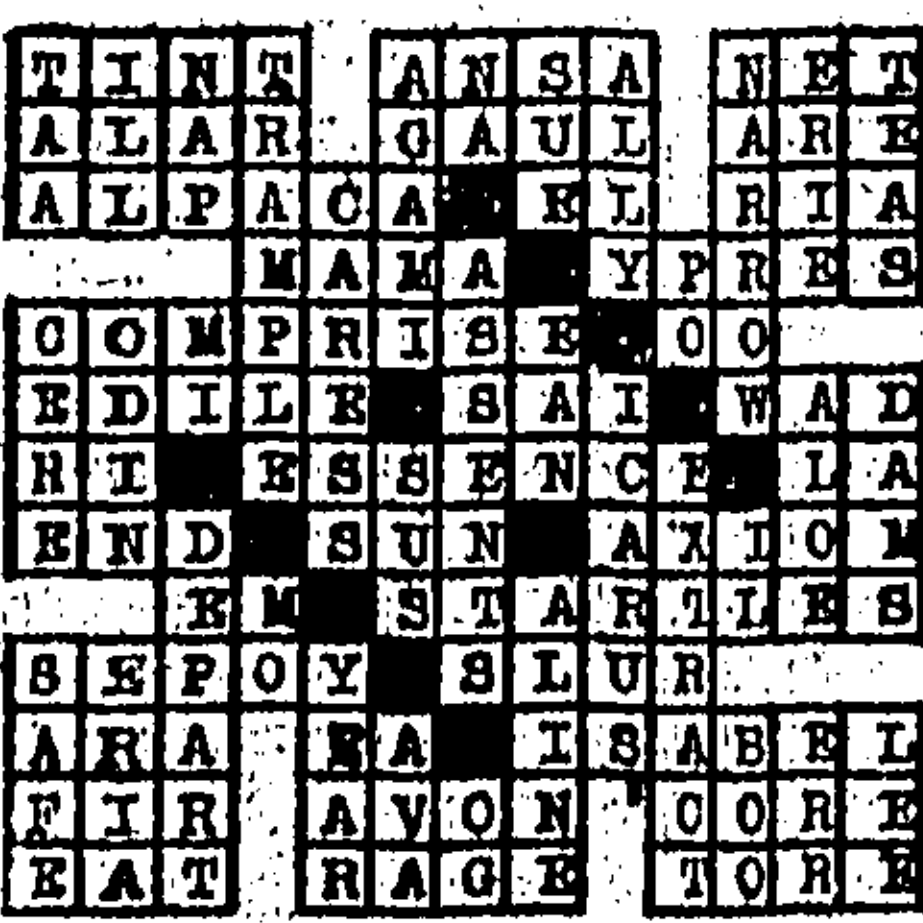
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 - Philistine giant
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 - To sleep
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 - Ancient
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 - To fall behind
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- To withdraw
- Football player
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- Egg-shaped
- Vessel's curved planking
- Edge
- Scarlet

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



RESCUE MEN ARE TAUGHT BY FILM

Special schools for training A.R.P. rescue squads have been opened in various parts of the country.

There are now 15 of these where rescue workers are learning to release trapped people from demolished houses and to tunnel under collapsed buildings. Originally there were 20 schools, set up to train the foremen of the squads. When their training was complete it was not considered necessary to keep the schools going. But the Ministry of Home Security decided that other members of the rescue squads should be thoroughly trained as well as the foremen.

Six-Day Course

Each school takes about 20 men at a time. The course lasts six days. Besides practical demonstrations, the students have film shows and lectures given by technical experts. Borough surveyors of the councils in whose areas the schools have been set up, and other technicians in the area, help in the training plan. Among the subjects taught are building construction, shoring up of buildings; the use of derricks and jacks, acetylene cutting, scaffolding and various demolition methods. The men are even taught the proper way to tie knots. It is not intended to open more schools for training rescue squads, but the present 15 will be kept open to train as many men as can be spared for the course.

U.S. BRASS HATS WATCH US FIGHT

The United States Government has a very good idea of how Britain is waging war against the Nazi. The Army has sent twenty-six high ranking officers to Great Britain since last July to obtain data on weapons and technique of modern warfare, it is disclosed in Washington. An official list shows that five generals, six colonels, ten majors and five captains, representing practically every branch of the Army, have been sent to Britain since July. Returning air observers reported that the British gave them access to practically all material they sought.

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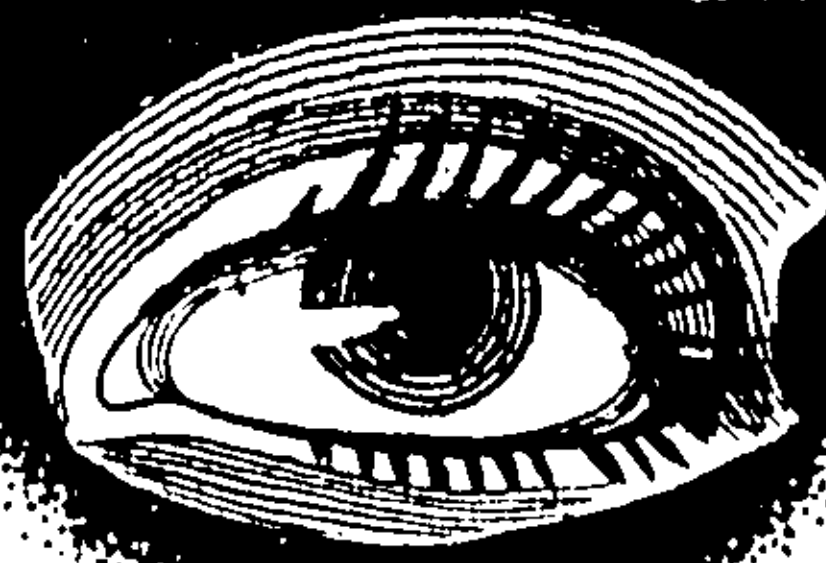


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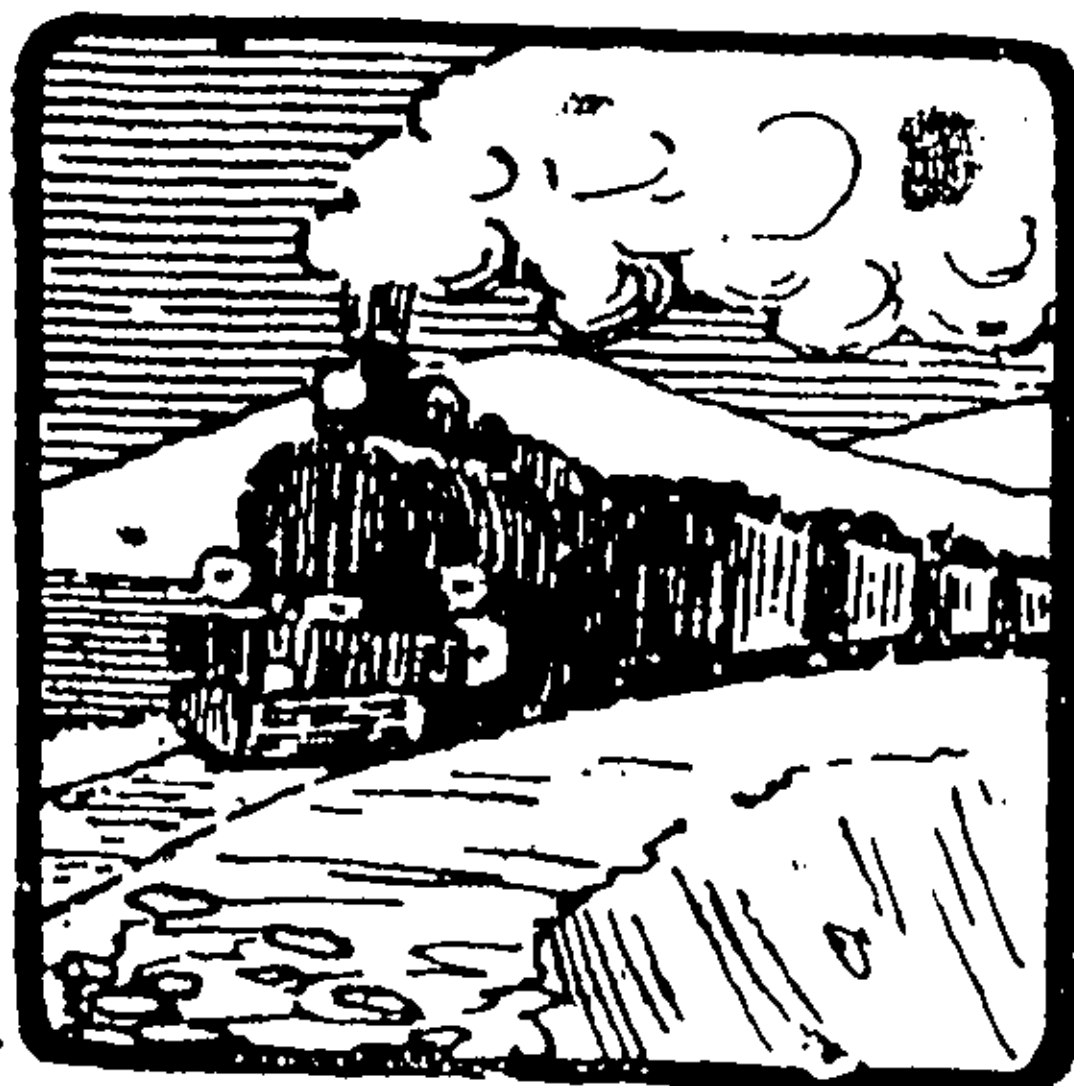
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NAZIS POUR SLAVES INTO NEW HOMES

ON THE RUSSIAN border, where tiny streams and rows of sturdy tank traps and barbed wire separate eastern Germany from what was Lithuania until the Russians moved in, one gets a small but compelling picture of the migrating peoples whose movements are permanently altering the character of Europe regardless of the outcome of the war.

These are some of the 70,000 Baltic Germans who are being repatriated as part of the Reich's campaign to bring within its borders all the so-called Volksdeutsche, or persons of German descent, that it can. According to published figures, 550,000 have returned from various parts of Europe since October 1938.

Simple peasants for the most part, these people from former Lithuania have packed what they could bring, sometimes with a horse and a wooden, springless wagon, sometimes in shawls, sometimes in only their coarse and worn garments, to find a new life in Germany. Most of them are cheerful, but the women have the weariness and hopelessness that comes from long hardships. Almost all of the children are completely stocial except for the one small boy of 5 years whose mother, with no visible expression, holds him up while he cries for the benefit of photographers.

Promised Good Farmland

More fortunate than some of the European wanderers, these people have the promise, at least, of the German government that they will be provided with farms with approximately similar resources and livestock as those they left behind. German commissions operating in Russia have made a careful inventory of the possessions and capabilities of these returning citizens.

But that is in the uncertain future. Between them and their new homes are three or four months in large camps where they will be examined carefully for disease or other undesirable qualities and catechised in German thinking. They had their first experience with it at the border, where officials greeted them and welcoming banners and flags decorated the otherwise dreary streets.

En route one saw, near Posen, the final steps in this resettlement process. There Volksdeutsche from the General Government (section of German-controlled Poland) have been installed in homes many of which were built during an earlier German government and were occupied by Polish people after 1918. About 35,000 persons have been brought to this area, which is now the warthe gau (district) of the Reich, in a direct exchange of population.

The German authorities say that they have made every effort to make the exchange as equal as possible in resources, furnishing and livestock.

Scars Of War Still Evident

Some scars of the brief and savage war that wiped out Poland as a nation, a year and a half ago can still be seen from the train windows as one travels between the borders near Osterode and Bentschen. Many of the bridges, including the broad span over the Vistula, are still being repaired, where sections were destroyed, and a few shell-damaged houses can be observed. Although this territory has been incorporated into the Reich, special police passes are still required and it is almost impossible for foreigners to visit the General Government.

In Posen almost every trace of its Polish occupation has disappeared with an amazing thoroughness. Street signs are new and in German. Freshly painted patches on store fronts and other buildings are still evident.

Frequent signs in railroad stations and other places say that only German will be spoken and many business houses have placards preventing the entry of Poles. Street-

cars are double, with the forward car exclusively for Germans.

New roads are being constructed. Farm production is being speeded up and much renovation has been undertaken in the city itself. Food is still more plentiful here than around Berlin, for example, and ration cards have not yet been introduced, although they will come later this month. Transport, restricted during the Polish campaign, has been restored, and it will be possible to move more of the produce from here to less agricultural regions.

NAZIS TRY TO TRICK FRENCH

Here is an example of the methods adopted by the Nazis is give the French people in occupied France the impression that they are "good" to them by providing them with food.

A French business man whose land produces chiefly potatoes arrived to see how the crop was progressing.

He discovered that all the potatoes had been collected and put in sacks which filled two large sheds on his farm.

Each sack bore a label: "Imported from Germany."

A few days later the Nazis had posters on the walls of a neighbouring town announcing that, while "the English are endeavouring to starve the people of France, the German authorities, who are doing all they can to provide food for them," had just imported a large stock of potatoes from Germany.

CANADA'S PART IN SEA WAR

Cmdre. L. W. Murray, of the Royal Canadian Navy, has arrived in London with the important mission of administering Canada's naval services based on Britain. He hopes also to see something of the real war of shot and shell.

He was at sea throughout the last war, for most of the time in warships escorting Transatlantic convoys. "But," he said, "I have seen more of real war in London during the last few days than I have ever seen before."

Cmdre. Murray has come from the Ottawa office where he worked as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, to set up an office in London for his newly-created post of Commodore Commanding Canadian Ships and Establishments in the United Kingdom.

"I shall go to sea for as long as I can — perhaps until May," he said. "From my office in Ottawa I have tried to keep in touch with things, but I feel that I have to go out and learn the language that people are speaking nowadays. It is different from the language we spoke last time."

"At my new office in this country," Cmdre. Murray added, "I shall be able to see the captains as they come ashore and find out all their troubles."

"In addition to our ships, we have here some 420 volunteer reserve officers serving with the Royal Navy. They will be my concern as well. There is hardly a ship of the Royal Navy that has not some Canadians on board."

Poles and Free Frenchmen are serving in Canadian ships — "to our advantage, and, we hope, to theirs," Cmdre. Murray says.

many for the French populations.

Twenty thousands pounds of these would be sold at cost price by the German authorities in the public market the following day.

And the French business man saw his own potatoes sold by the Nazis.



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THIS IS REAL COURAGE

(By A Special Correspondent)

SHE CALLS THEM Phyllis and John. And when the stumps, all that is left of her legs, begin to hurt Mary Taylor, seventeen, smiles and talks to them.

"Oh dear, Phyllis, I wish you would stop aching," she says. "Now John, do be quiet."

Although Mary faces life without legs, amputated after a train accident, she laughs—and the world is laughing with her.

She has a soldier sweetheart. And she has vowed to walk to meet him when he returns home from the East.

Mary is to devote her life to children. She lost her legs while bringing happiness to her brothers and sisters.

So it is fitting that the children of Pilsley, Derbyshire, are giving their Saturday's pennies to buy new legs for Mary.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Taylor. Her father is a miner. Mary is one of their family of ten children. The youngest is not yet two. Five are still at school.

For years the Taylors, through unemployment, had a hard struggle.

When Mary became maid at a Nottingham hospital, she made life happier for her brothers and sisters.

Her arms were loaded with Christmas gifts for them when she fell from the railway platform at Pilsley and was injured. Mary joked about Phyllis and John then I saw her recently.

"I got so sick of calling them stumps that I decided to give them Christian names," she said.

"All the nurses and the doctors now ask me how John and Phyllis are getting along, and my answer to-day is, 'Very well indeed, thank you.'"

Loves Babies

"I have always loved children," she added, "and as soon as I left school I went to work at a maternity hospital in Nottingham."

"Though I was only a maid, I helped to look after all the tiny babies."

"I made up my mind to work hard and perhaps they would have let me learn to be a nurse."

"Don't you think I have given up the idea of being a nurse because I am going to have some new legs soon."

"I think I should like to be with crippled children, so that I can cheer them up by telling them how I made jokes about my John and Phyllis."

But Mary's new legs will cost about £80 — a fortune to the Taylor family.

Already many gifts have been sent to Mary in hospital. The miners have started a fund.

Mary's sweetheart is Eric, a soldier serving in the East.

When he returns she will want those legs more than anything else in the world.

She knows that she will walk to meet him.

For she has been told that soon a woman will call to see her.

Thanks to a Derbyshire doctor will go across to her bedside and say, "I was like you once Mary but I can walk now. You will do the same."

And Mary is certain that Phyllis and John will help her.

BOYS UPSET DIGNITY OF NAZIS

(By A Special Correspondent)

Small boys in occupied France are upsetting the dignity of German sentries.

The sentries, an American who has recently been in France told me, change guard by blowing whistles.

This is a great attraction for the urchins. When the changing of guard is due the boys assemble beside the sentries with toy whistles and blow them simultaneously with the soldiers.

It would be too undignified for the sentries to stop the boys, but the way they glare at the children tells plainly of their annoyance.

One day a crowd of the boys lined up as a German general stepped out of his car. There was a discordant shriek of whistles. The general looked as though he would explode.

Another prank was the pasting on the barrack gates of a "Jewish shop" sign, which shops run with Jewish capital must display in Paris.

Factory Sabotage

Sabotage is taking place and defying detection in French factories. Vital parts of motor engines are removed and electric telephone cables cut.

"French people rarely take shelter when the R.A.F. are over their cities," the American told me, "because they have faith that the British will not bomb open towns. They have seen the accurate bombing of military targets."

A wrecked German aerodrome near Paris is a typical example of R.A.F. accuracy.

WHITEHALL WASTERS

More effective machinery to stop victimisation, waste and dishonesty in connection with Government contracts is advocated by Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P. for Chislehurst, Kent.

In a question to the Prime Minister he urges that as the Select Committee on National Expenditure have no authority to punish persons found guilty of acts of victimisation, waste and dishonesty, "such cases should be heard before a court of law or other tribunal."

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THROUGH GERMAN EYES

DR. LEY ON
BRITAIN AND
HER LEADER

DR. ROBERT LEY has discovered the explanation of the unforeseen toughness of British resistance. It is due to the senile stupidity of those who are too old to change their ways! Writing in the "Angriff" under the headline "Churchill the obstinate dotard," he says:—

Everybody knows how easily and tragically advancing age, and the pessimism connected therewith, degenerate into obstinacy. This holds good of England and Churchill. It is not to be thought that England's present endurance under the unceasing onslaughts of Germany is due merely to the toughness of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Rather is it an expression of senility, the same phenomenon that leads the aged stubbornly to oppose youth and to exclude the young from the treasures of the earth. Churchill is the type of this senile stubbornness. He looks to me like an obstinate old peasant who would rather see his farm go to ruin than hand it over to a younger man.

Prophets Of Woe

According to precedent, the recent meeting of the two dictators is made the occasion in the German Press of lurid prognostications of woe for all who presume to stand in the path of the unconquerable Axis. The "Essener National Zeitung" prophesies that events will flow from it as momentous for Europe in 1941 as were the results of previous meetings in 1939 and 1940. The war in 1939 saw the annihilation of Poland, that of 1940 the annihilation of France; 1941 is destined to see the crowning victory—the destruction of Britain. Half a year of preparation was needed for the death-blow of France; half a year has been devoted to preparing the death-blow of England. Once again, the E.N.Z. concludes, the world is about to witness historic events of like magnitude to those which have always succeeded meetings between Hitler and Mussolini ever since Italy's entry into the war. The paper forbears to point out that the historic events which followed the last meeting were the successive defeats of the Italian Army in Albania and Libya.

Marshal Petain's fabian policy rouses ever-increasing impatience among the Nazis. Every effort, however, is made to conceal the facts from the general public, seeing that to reveal them would be a tacit admission of Hitler's failure, after seven months' ceaseless effort, to find any sort of common basis for winning the whole-hearted collaboration of France in making a practical reality of the "new order." Such an admission would involve a devastating criticism of the whole National Socialist regime at a moment when great masses in the Reich expect Hitler's promised "master stroke" to be in the form of action in the Mediterranean, the French in Tunis cooperating in cutting British seaborne communication in the region of Sicily. These great masses have not failed to notice how far Hitler still is from his goal, as was shown when a recent official announcement from the "Deutsche Nachrichten Bureau" of the reconstruction of the French Cabinet produced a prompt denial from Vichy. Although the conference between Petain and Laval recently was reported to have removed all "misunderstandings," no word has yet been said about the rehabilitation of Laval, which is so urgently desired in Germany. German plans for setting up in Paris a puppet Government under Doriot have all failed, since Marshal Petain is the only man in France who commands enough prestige to be the head of any stable Government.

A Word To Mr. Hull

Hitherto not a word about these misgivings has appeared in the German Press, but now at last the "Borsen Zeitung" has expressed the impatience of the Government by printing a sharp criticism of the dilatory proceedings at Riom,

where the opening of the "war-guilt" trials has been repeatedly postponed. The "Borsen Zeitung" bluntly attributes the delay to "consideration for the guilty." "A full month," it says, "elapsed between the end of the preliminary investigations and the service of writs containing the charges upon the persons awaiting trial." The paper reminds Vichy that the opening of the main proceedings was originally planned by the beginning, or at latest the middle, of January—evidently forgetting that the former official German position was that the proceedings at Riom were a purely internal affair of France, in which the Reich was not interested. When asked about the Cabinet changes foreshadowed at Vichy, the spokesman of the Wilhelmstrasse answered, "The Reich has taken up no official attitude on the subject. We are waiting to see what significance these changes will have."

The evidence given by Mr. Cordell Hull before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, in considering the "Lease and Lend" Bill, is made the occasion of an attack on the policy of the State Department by the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt." The official German news agency quotes from this paper as follows:—

Sharp Criticism

The American Secretary of State has now formally discarded that international law which he has hitherto alleged to be the basis of his policy. He wishes to see the usual rights obtaining between nations, the Hague Convention, and the binding obligations of the American neutrality laws abandoned. All this in view of the state of emergency and the threat to the security of the American hemisphere, which he considers will arise as the result of a German victory, though he is unable to produce even a shadow of evidence of any acts or design on the part of the German Government against America.

In conclusion the paper claims that Mr. Hull's conception of international law, instead of securing peace for the American hemisphere,

Contributes towards barring European markets to the Latin-American countries and turning the Pan-American seas into a base for the British universal war.

Justice, peace, morality, and genuine prosperity are conceptions that are difficult to reconcile with this view of world affairs held by the American Secretary of State.

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At the end of this year the

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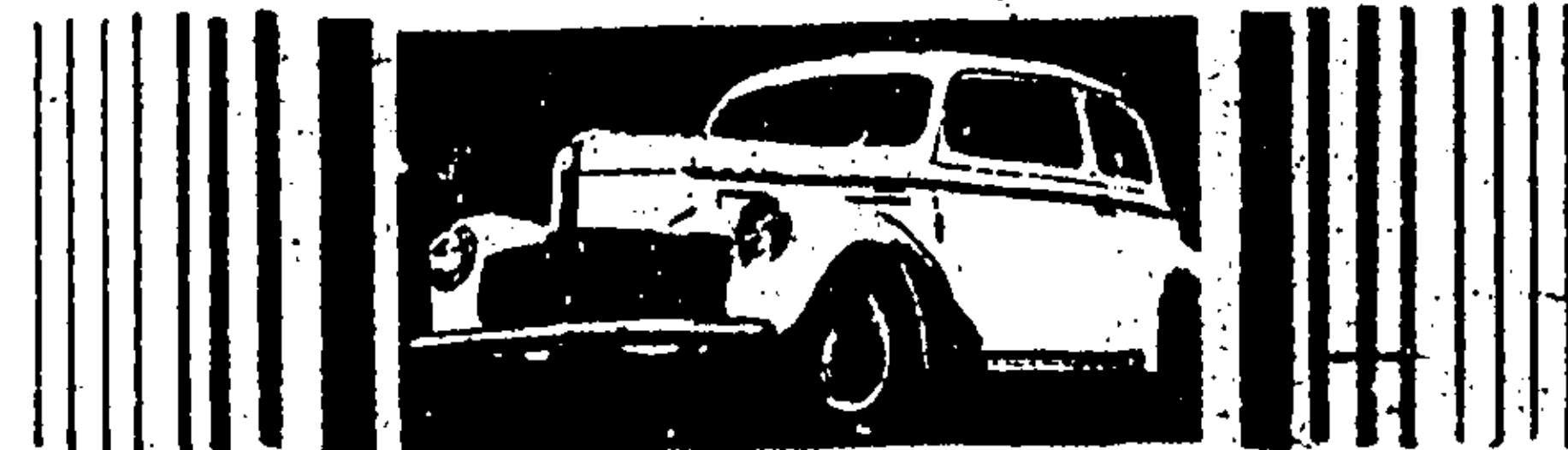
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

FAILURE TO JUMP

By The Four Aces

"What error," asks a Hartford Conn., reader, "was committed in the bidding of this hand?"

South, Dealer:
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A K J 3
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ J 8 6 2
 ♣ A 8 5

♠ Q 10 9
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K 7 3

♠ 8 7 4 2
 ♥ J 6 5 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ A K Q 8 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 4
 ♦ 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
4♥	Pass		
Pass	Pass		

"Had the diamond finesse worked, South would have made a Grand Slam, and even though the finesse lost, he made a Small Slam. He maintains that failure to bid the Slam must be laid at North's door because North failed to realise the importance of the black Aces and strong diamond support. North maintains that South might have bid the same way if he had lacked both red Aces. Who is right?"

The error in the bidding must be charged to South. North's penalty double of one spade was perfectly proper, but South was justified in refusing to let it stand. South's bid of two diamonds, however, was not the best choice. Such a bid indicated a red two-suiter, with only a meagre amount of high-card strength. Because of that inference, it was never possible for North to bid a Slam.

South should have bid three diamonds to show that the hand was an excellent one despite the inability to "stand for" a double of one spade. Then North would have realised that his high cards in the black suits would guarantee South against loss except in the red suits (for South would be marked with at least ten red cards). And the jump bid would indicate the strength of the red suits; so North might explore Grand Slam possibilities; but would make sure of getting to at least a Small Slam.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:



The person who holds a large number of cards more than crutches to help him on the way.

Question No. 676

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

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 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ A 10 6 3

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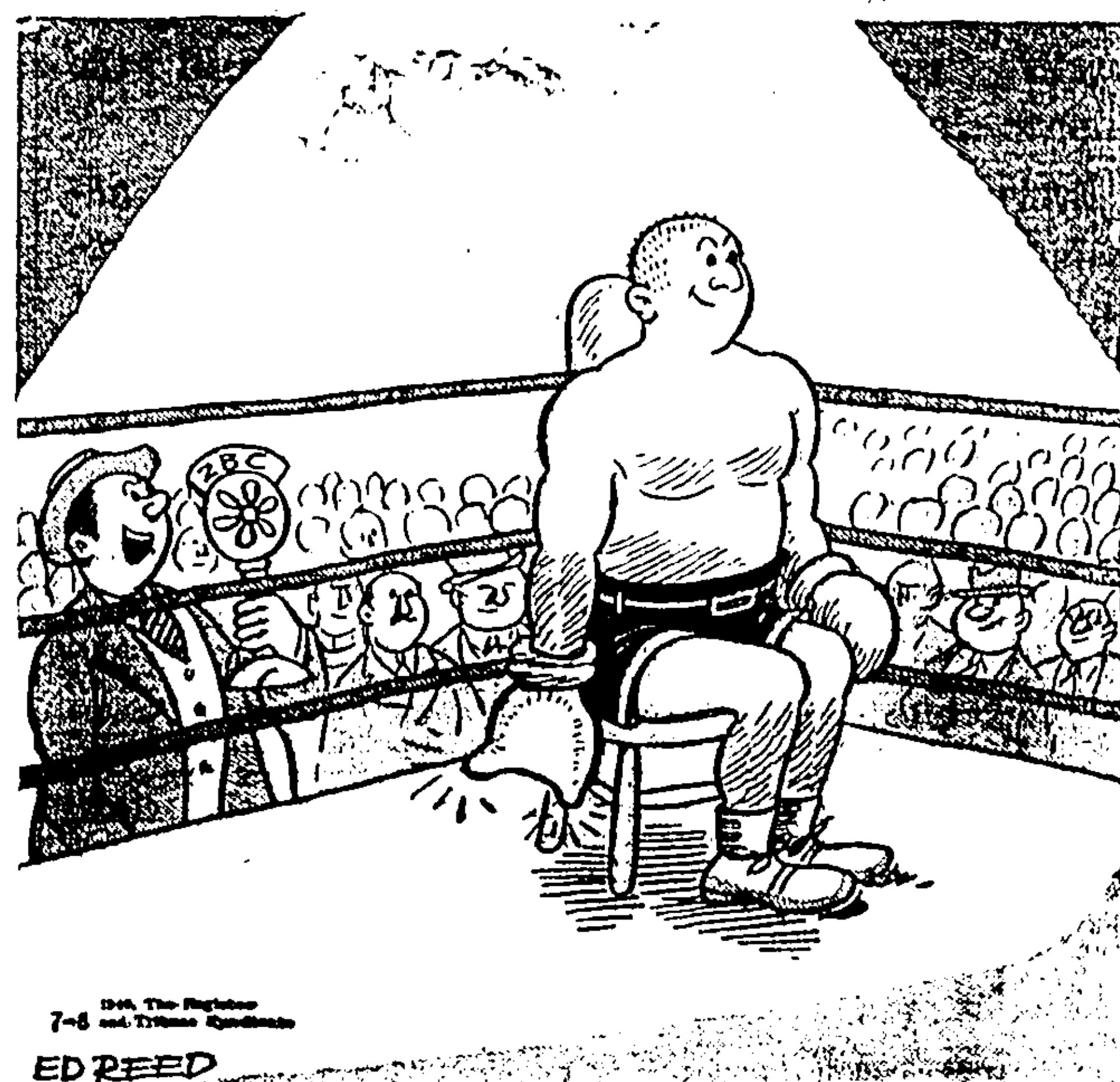
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What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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By ED REED



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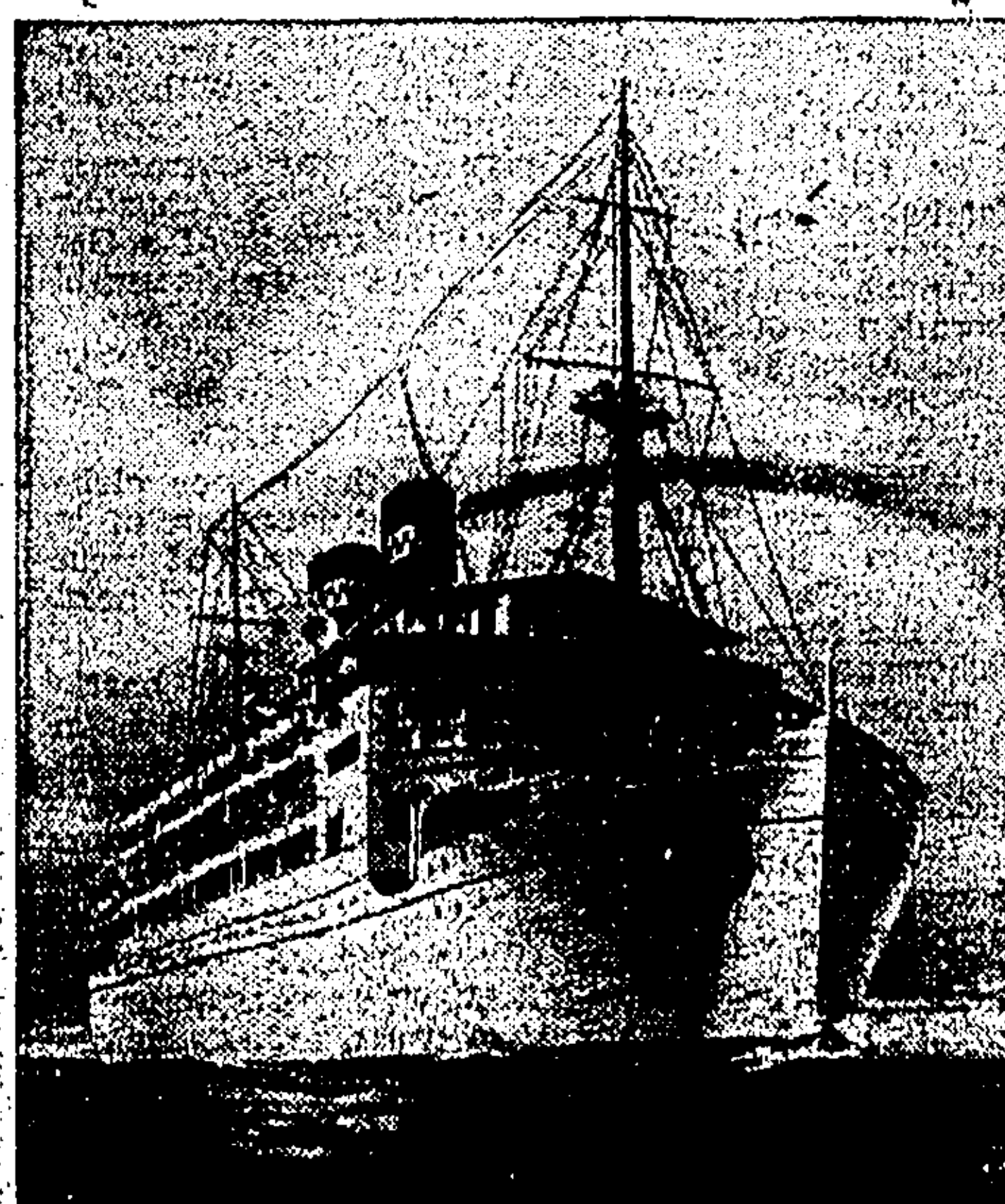
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EVE OF REASON FETCHES \$1500

Eve of Reason, a "B" Class China pony, belonging to the Eve stable, was sold for \$1,500 at the public roup of ponies held at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley, yesterday, the new owner being Mr. Richard Ho.

It is interesting to note that

since January 1, 1941, the pony in question has won \$525 in Stakes money.

The second highest price, \$1,000, was fetched by Buckfastleigh, a "D" Class Australian pony, which fell under the hammer to Mr. T. K. Li.

Many Withdrawn

Several ponies were withdrawn from the sale amongst them being Royal Sovereign (\$1,450), Galaxy

(\$1,000) and Pumpnickel (\$870).

Following were the ponies put up for sale, with the names of the buyers given in brackets:—

Pinfarhings (Chan Hon), \$25; Night View (Ng Lam), \$15; Victoria (withdrawn); Attacking Time (withdrawn); Royber (Ng Lam), \$15; Mauber (F. M. L. Soares), \$10; Wilber (V. V. Needa), \$25; Gretter (Larry Ko), \$103; Cocklerol (withdrawn at \$400); Luxury (C. C. Chan), \$850; The Tigress (M. Alarcon), \$70; Silver Spear (no bid); Advancing Time (withdrawn at \$140); Starlet (V. V. Needa), \$15; Standard Express (V. V. Needa), \$70; Australian Prince (Yue Shun-wah), \$340; Princess Adelaide (Li Chi-choh), \$450; Eve of Dancing (withdrawn at \$880); Eve of Hunting (withdrawn at \$370); Eve of Folly (withdrawn at \$570); Eve of

Reason (Kwok Hin-wang on behalf of

Richard Ho), \$1,500; Eve of Rest (V. V. Needa), \$110; Eve of Illusion (V. V. Needa), \$75; China Pony Griffin (V. V. Needa), \$30; Well Done (V. V. Needa), \$10; Eve of Heaven (P. P. Botelho), \$70; Musketeer (withdrawn at \$370); Possible (W. A. Ingram), \$70; Silver Wings (V. V. Needa), \$10; Senorita (Colleen), \$315; Spring Time (F. E. d'Almada Remedios), \$205; This Time (withdrawn at \$165); Smiling Time (withdrawn at \$70); A Great Time (Garcia), \$15; Green Diamond (V. V. Needa), \$10; Golden Cow (F. M. L. Soares), \$10; Palmer (W. A. Ingram), \$35; Circe (withdrawn); Angel of Peace (R. H. Charles), \$65; Lucky Eleven (V. V. Needa), \$10; Zadderday (E. H. Baker), \$500; Bruno (Wong Tik-kwong), \$710; Caterick Bridge (withdrawn);

Ajax (no bid); Beauford (S. W. Lee),

\$220; Blue Gown (S. W. Lee), \$225; Gossler (Ng Lam), \$15; Talkative (W. A. Ingram), \$15; Chatterbox (R. K. C. Chui), \$50; Pumpnickel (withdrawn at \$870); Infante (V. V. Needa), \$10; Tornado Star (T. K. Li), \$200; Harmony Star (withdrawn); Maple Star (Lo Kong-to), \$260; Rising Star (K. Kwok), \$50; Ruby Star (Garcia), \$110; Twilight Star (Garcia), \$65; Lovely Star (P. P. Botelho), \$60; Dawn Star (W. A. Ingram), \$60; Princess Claro (L. Kelly), \$125; Ascot Day (S. N. Pan), \$300; Annabella (withdrawn at \$420); Whampoa (Garcia), \$100; Bressay (withdrawn at \$55); Royal Sovereign (withdrawn at \$1,450); Violet Queen (V. V. Needa), \$10; Galaxy (withdrawn at \$1,000); Buckfastleigh (T. K. Li), \$1,000.

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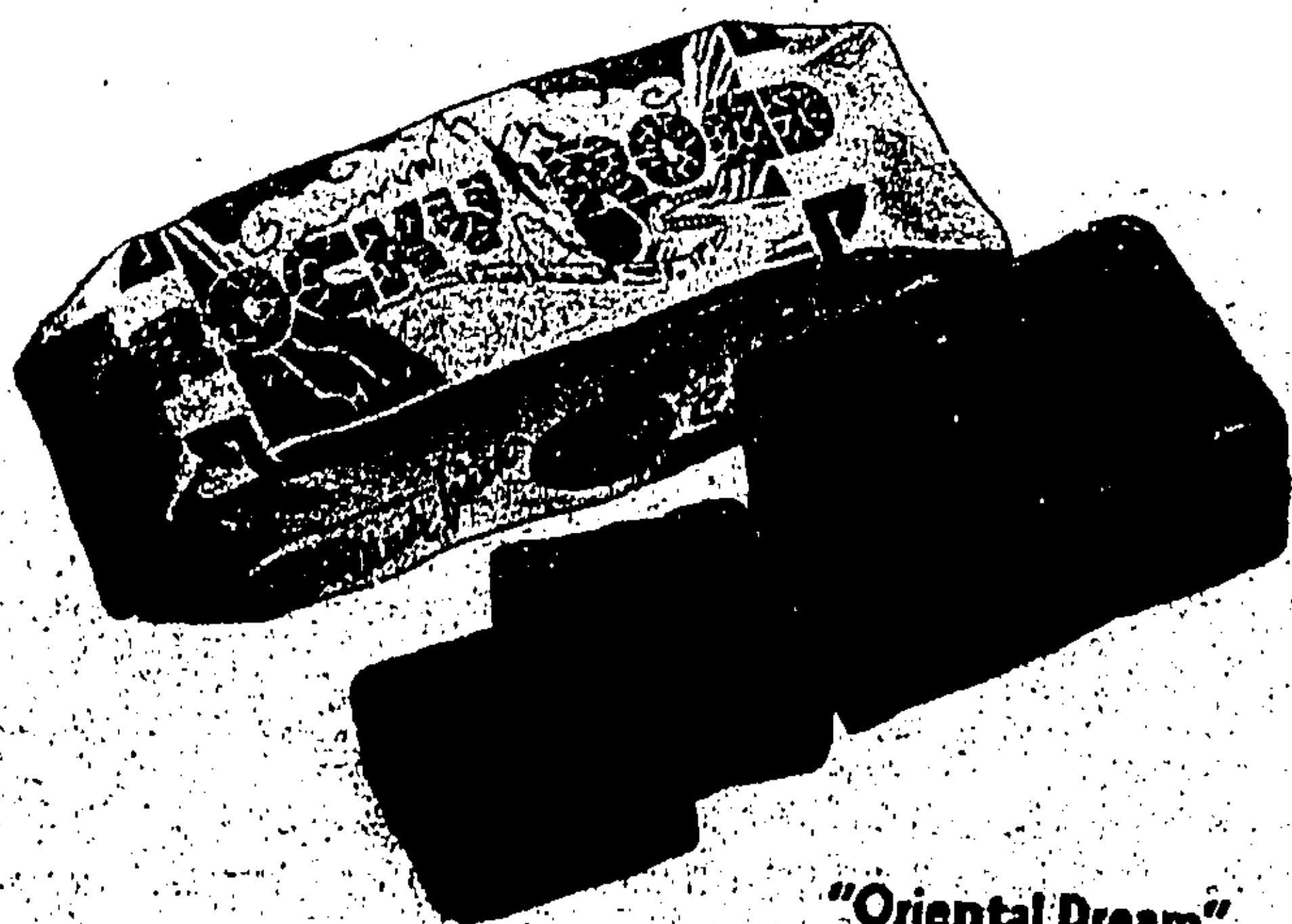
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Two Leading Ponies To Clash To-Morrow

ORACLE & COLOOMA TO MEET AGAIN IN STEWARDS' CUP RACE

By "Rapier"

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING, TO BE HELD TO-MORROW, WILL MARK THE INTRODUCTION OF RACES IN WHICH THE NEW AND OLD PONIES WILL CLASH FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEY WILL BE RUNNING UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES, THUS AFFORDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUNTERS TO FORM THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS AS TO HOW WELL THE NEW ONES WILL FARE AGAINST THE OLD BRIGADE. KEEN COMPETITION SHOULD PREVAIL, AND WITH THE WEATHER REMAINING FINE, THE TRACK SHOULD ASSIST MATERIALLY IN THE MATTER OF FAST TIMES BEING RECORDED.

I expect to see another large gathering and an excellent afternoon's racing is promised. There are nine events on the programme, with two of them confined to Novice jockeys, the main event of the afternoon being the Stewards' Cup, which is confined to Australian Griffins of this season that have not won more than \$5,000 in stakes.

China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$100 in stakes, are given an opportunity of doing so in the opening event. The Kongmun Plate over a mile and eliminating the unlikely winners, I think the race should be decided between the following:

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei);
Odeon (Mr. Needa);
Lovely View (Mr. Pih); and
So Nice (Mr. S. W. Tang).
Iron Beauty which came in second to Charlesber in the Lotterers Stakes over six furlongs last Saturday should win but it will probably be extended by Odeon which will have the experienced handling of Mr. Needa.
Both Lovely View and So Nice were beaten by Iron Beauty and Odeon respectively at the previous meeting, but they fought gamely for the fourth position, and one of them should fill the third place to-morrow.

RACE NO. 2. FATSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION):—FROM THE 1½ MILE POST
Novice jockeys will be given mounts in this sprint event on "C" Class, China ponies according to the new classification list, with a proviso that griffins of this season that have won \$1000 or less in stakes are barred.

Judging from past performances, Jennifer, which is a speedy animal, should prove the best over this short distance. Lancashire Lass (Mr. Chui) appears to be the one capable of extending Jennifer, but Blue Diamond (Mr. S. W. Lee) should have something to say at the finish.
Eve of Peace, if taken out by Mr. Coppin, will probably extend the above ponies if the jockey can draw the weight of 142 lb. otherwise I cannot see it winning.

Jobber (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) is another pony to watch as it is quite speedy over this distance.

RACE NO. 3. STEWARDS' CUP:—FROM THE TWO MILE POST, ONCE ROUND AND IN
This is the main event of the afternoon, a handicap race for Australian ponies, griffins of this season, with winners of \$5000 or more in stakes barred.

Oracle (Mr. Needa), winner of the Oakleigh Plate over the mile at the last meeting in record time, is the best bet here in view of its noted ability over longer distances.

There is, however, Colooma (Mr. Black), the conqueror of Oracle in the Austral Racing Stakes over 1½ miles, to be reckoned with as this pony is very fit at the moment, judging from its run in the Melbourne Cup (two miles) last Saturday, when it was ridden by Mr. P. P. Botelho, although it was replaced.

Mr. Black adopts the same tactics as when he won the Austral Racing Stakes, Colooma may inflict another defeat on Oracle.

Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao), which was second to Oracle in another contest, and as it has a 7 lb. allowance from the above

best of this year's griffins, with 152 lb. each.

The finish should be fought out between these three ponies. Sapper has proved itself capable of carrying heavy weights, as evidence of which I need only refer to its easy win in the Coral Handicap over the mile, but can it give the above two ponies an allowance of 7 lb. and still beat them? I think so.

What United Express can do is well known and it will remain to be seen whether it can retain its unbeaten record to-morrow. Distant View with the shorter distance is quite capable of securing a runaway victory if it is given too much rope.

RACE NO. 5. HOBART HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION):—SIX FURLONGS

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" confined to "B" Class, Australian ponies with griffins of this season that have won a race-barred.

Conniebar (Mr. Chao) for its win in the Moonee Ponds Handicap (one mile) has been penalised by 1 lb., but I do not think the extra pound will hamper its chances of winning, especially with this field.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne), for its third placing behind the above pony, has had its weight reduced by 5 lb. and, given a good start, must be regarded as a potential winner. Then there is also Spring-

hurst (Mr. Poy), which ran unplaced against the above two ponies last Saturday, to be reckoned with as its weight is down by 7 lb. and over the shorter distance, it might easily redeem itself to-morrow.

In my opinion, Conniebar should win again, with Rowan second and Springhurst third.

RACE NO. 6. CANTON HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION):—SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "B" Class China ponies and from the entries I expect one of the following to be the winner.

Charlesber (Mr. Chao);
Velvetlight (Mr. Wei); and
World Fair View (Mr. Pih).

Charlesber won the Lotterers Stakes over this distance at the last meeting carry 152 lb. in 1.24-4/5 and with another 10 lb. off to-morrow its chance of chalk-ing up another win is quite good.

The real danger, however, is Velvetlight, which has beaten Charlesber over longer distances during the Annual Race Meeting, but as it will be conceding 17 lb. to the above pony to-morrow, it will have to be at its best to win.

World Fair View is also treated lightly here, and as it is known to move fast over a short distance, it may turn out to be a real threat.

RACE NO. 7. HOBART HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION):—SIX FURLONGS

Those who succeed in making the right choice in the first leg of the "Daily Double" should not experience much difficulty in making the correct connection in this race, which is confined to "B" Class, Australian ponies, barring winning griffins of this season.

It will be recalled that in the Moonee Ponds Handicap over a mile, Devonian (Mr. Black), although beaten, put up a good show against Conniebar. Despite a penalty of 10 lb., I am fully confident that Devonian will win to-morrow, thus scoring its first victory on behalf of Lady Northcote this year.

A Surprising Time (Mr. Hearne) should fill second place and Happy Returns (Mr. Chao) should account for the other minor position. As an outsider, I suggest Pumpernickel (Mr. S. W. Tang).

RACE NO. 8. FATSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION):—FROM THE 1½ MILE POST
Second section of "C" Class.

China ponies, with griffins of this season that have won \$1000 or less in stakes barred, will figure in this race which will again be confined to Novice jockeys.

Judging from its third placing in the Jockey Cup on the fourth day of the Annual Race Meeting, Galveston Bay (Mr. W. Yui) should not find any difficulty in winning, but strong opposition should come from Advancing Time (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Emergency Unit (Mr. S. W. Lee), both of which can be depended upon to give it a good fight.

Rose Evelyn is not bad but so far I have not been able to ascertain who will be the jockey. It is good enough to win but I am afraid this pony is a very bad starter and in a short race like this it would be disastrous if it were left at the gate.

However, taking everything into consideration, I think Galveston Bay should win with Emergency Unit second and Advancing Time third.

RACE NO. 9. CANTON HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the final event of the day and is confined to second section of "B" Class, China ponies.

Looking over the entries I like the chances of Hughber (Mr. Chang) which has been penalised 10 lb. for its second placing to Hillsboro Bay in the Happy Valley Spring Handicap over the mile.

But there is its stablemate, Lilliber (Mr. Chao) to consider, for it only lost to Hughber by a head although it will be made to carry another 9 lb. to-morrow.

Avon (Mr. Black) is very dangerous with only 141 lb. to carry and it will not surprise me at all if it causes an upset here.

Humdrum Eve has now changed hands. It was formerly noted for its sprinting ability, but as it has not shown anything like its old form so far, I think we can leave it out.

Mr. Poy has the choice of either Ronson or Rose Emily and whichever one he decides to take out should be a menace to the above ponies as they are very lightly treated.

Galaxy (Mr. Chao) is another pony to watch as it is quite fit at the moment and although the distance may not suit it, it must not be disregarded.

My choice for the first three are Hughber, Lilliber and Avon.

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YESTERDAY'S TENNIS

Following were the results of yesterday's matches in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament—

OPEN SINGLES

Paul Kong beat Fung Yee-pul, 6-1, 6-1.
I. M. A. Razack beat S. Y. T'ing, 6-3, 6-1.
Pang Oi-lam beat R. E. Guest, 6-3, 6-1.

OPEN DOUBLES

George Choa and A. V. Remondos beat O. Umetani and T. Imura, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

F. W. Carter beat M. A. de Haan, 6-1, 6-0.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

A. K. Mackenzie beat H. E. Waller, 6-2, 6-1.

CLUB MIXED DOUBLES

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard beat F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell, 6-3, 6-3.
J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley beat E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle, 6-2, 6-1.

A more detailed report will appear in the final edition.

Next Week's Matches

Following is the programme for next week—

MONDAY

Open Singles

Pang Oi-lam v. S. T. Chau or Wei Chung (1); George Choa v. T. J. Gould (7); O. Umetani v. M. Pagh (8).

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pul v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxlade (6).

Club Handicap Singles

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6); G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (-1/6) v. V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (-3/6) (4).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v. B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Smalley (-3/6).

TUESDAY

Open Singles

Tsui Wai-pul v. K. H. Yip (8); S. A. Rurnjahn v. L. Shields-Goodman (5).

Club Handicap Singles

F. W. Carter (-1/6) v. V. R. Gordon (-3/6) (2); T. J. Gould (-15/2) v. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) or H. E. Waller (plus 3/6) (3); G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v. H. C. D. Knight (-2/6) (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (-30) v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (-2/6) (4).

WEDNESDAY

Open Doubles

J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith or I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu v. H. D. and S. A. Rurnjahn (5).

Club Championship

G. W. Sewell v. T. A. Pearce or C. H. R. Oxlade (2); T. J. Gould v. M. Pagh (8); R. E. Guest v. J. Stirling Lee (3).

Club Handicap Singles

T. C. Monaghan (-3/6) v. A. T. Dow (-3/6) (1); S. E. Lavrov (plus 2/6) v. E. R. Childe (plus 1/6) (6); H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) v. H. J. Armstrong (-15/3) (7).

THURSDAY

Open Singles

Fung Yee-pul or Paul Kong v. Tsui Yee-pul (8).

KOWLOON MARATHON

The annual Kowloon Marathon Race over a course of 8 1/4 miles will be run this evening, starting at 5 p.m. sharp in Nathan Road outside St. Andrew's Church.

Pte. Manson (R. Scots) will start favourite as Pte. Corrigan (R. Scots), winner of the Marathon last year, has not entered.

The Entries

Following are the entries—Sgt. Baker (Middlesex); Cpl. Hobson (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Anderson (Middlesex); Pte. Merton (Middlesex); Pte. Shaw (Middlesex); Pte. Mansfield (Middlesex); Pte. Caul (Middlesex); Pte. Hughes (Middlesex); Pte. Robertson (Middlesex); Pte. Nobel (Middlesex); Sgm. Harkinson (Signals); Sgm. Lewis (Signals); Sgm. Lithauer (Signals); Pte. Scott (Royal Scots); Pte. Mansen (Royal Scots); L. A. C. Moulton (R.A.F.); S. N. Johnny Aromin (Kowloon Dock); C. Truax (D.B.S.).

Club Handicap Doubles

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15/2) v. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (-30) or F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (-2/6) (2); D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (ser.) v. H. J. Armstrong and P. Winter-Blyth (-15) (4).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (-4/6) (3).

FRIDAY

Open Singles

C. S. Lee or A. Crawford v. George Choa or T. J. Gould (4); I. M. A. Razack or S. Y. T'ing v. S. A. Rurnjahn or L. Shields-Goodman (5); O. Umetani or M. Pagh v. H. D. Rurnjahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles

V. R. Gordon (-3/6) or F. W. Carter (-1/6) v. R. E. Guest (15/1) (7); H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) or H. J. Armstrong (-15/3) v. G. W. Sewell (-4/6) (6).

Sappers Win Large Units Competition

Ratcliffe Scores 37 Out Of 61

Low-Scoring In Two-Day Match

A USEFUL LEAD ON THE FIRST INNINGS ENABLED ROYAL ENGINEERS TO BEAT COMBINED SMALL UNITS IN THE FINAL OF THE ARMY LARGE UNITS CRICKET COMPETITION, BY THE COMFORTABLE MARGIN OF 65 RUNS.

The match started on Wednesday and at the beginning of play yesterday Combined Small Units were 130 runs behind with eight of their first-innings wickets in hand.

Few further runs were added, and the side were all out for 65, Coombes being the only double-figure scorer.

In their second knock, Sappers made 64, Ratcliffe being mainly responsible with 37, scored out of

or H. C. D. Knight (-2/6) (8).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (-2/6) or J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (2); T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (-15/2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) or F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (-1/6) (3).

61, and then dismissed their opponents for 79, Coombes again offering resistance and receiving some support from Logan.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

First Innings 145

Second Innings			
Tropp, st. Hamlen, b. Murphy	7		
Pelham, b. Dewar	1		
Ratcliffe, b. Murphy	37		
Megson, c. Dixon, b. Dewar	2		
Shaw, c. Dewar, b. Murphy	2		
Balley, st. Hamlen, b. Dewar	4		
Freeman, b. Dewar	6		
Denyer, c. Webb, b. Murphy	3		
Sainways, c. Boocock, b. Dixon	2		
Holliday, st. Hamlen, b. Dewar	0		
Goss, not out	0		

Total 64

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	8	2	22	5
Dixon	5.3	0	12	1
Murphy	6	0	30	4

COMBINED SMALL UNITS

First Innings			
Logan, c. Tropp, b. Megson	8		
Webb, l.b.w., b. Tropp	2		
Stoner, l.b.w., b. Denyer	1		
Hamlen, b. Denyer	0		
Coombes, c. Balley, b. Tropp	23		
Murphy, b. Denyer	6		
Gardner, b. Denyer	5		
Swyer, b. Tropp	0		
Boocock, c. Sainways, b. Megson	5		
Dewar, c. Pelham, b. Denyer	2		
Dixon, not out	2		
Extras (B1)	11		

Total 65

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Megson	14	9	19	2
Tropp	11	4	14	2
Denyer	9.1	4	20	5
Holliday	1	0	1	0

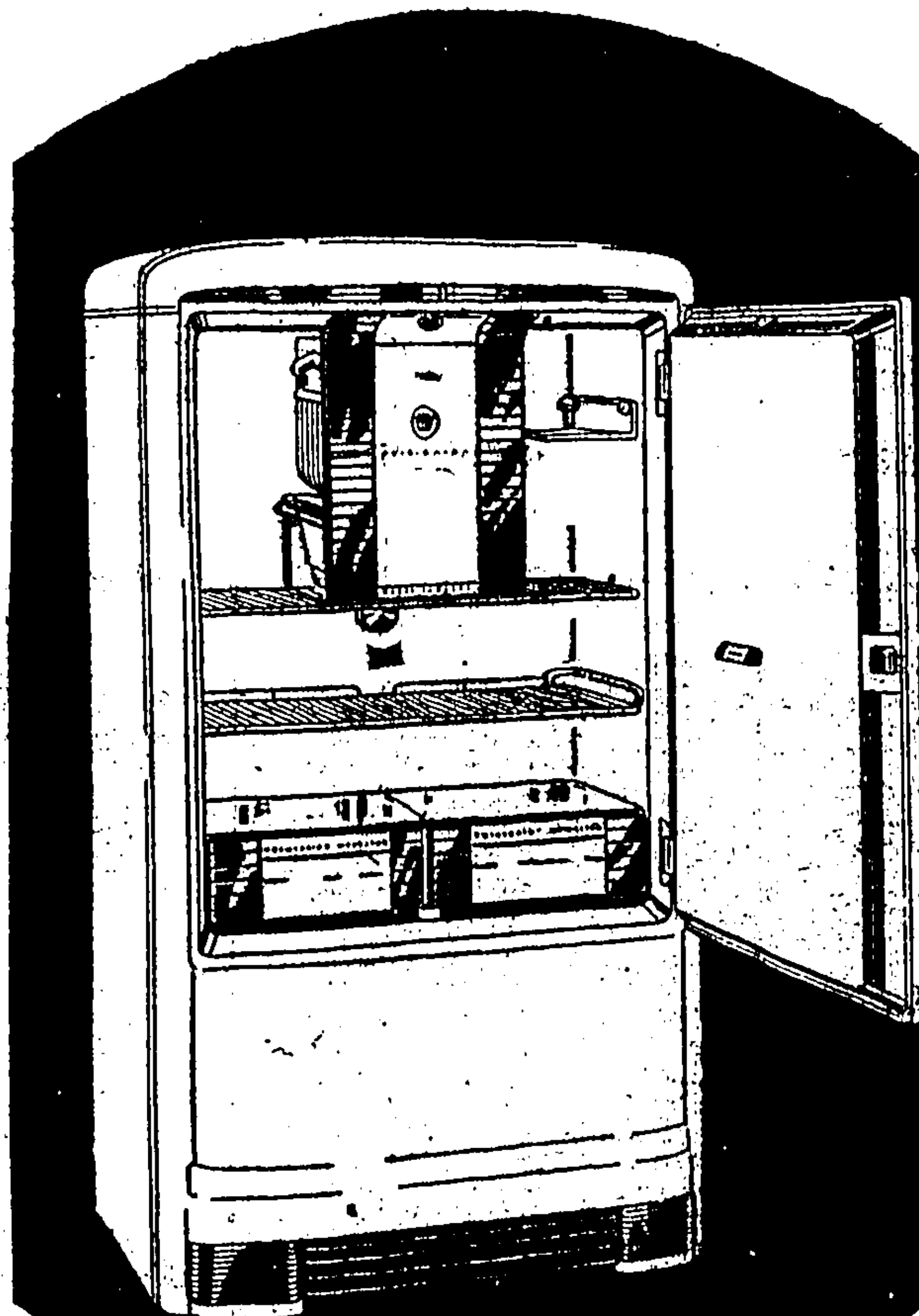
Second Innings

Coombes, c. Tropp, b. Megson	19
Webb, c. Balley, b. Megson	3
Logan, c. Tropp, b. Megson	24
Dixon, b. Dixon	1
Dewar, c. Sainways, b. Megson	4
Murphy, b. Megson	2
Hamlen, c. Shaw, b. Megson	5
Gardner, b. Denyer	1
Stoner, not out	7
Boocock, b. Megson	3
Swyer, c. Ratcliffe, b. Megson	0
Extras (B4, LBI)	5

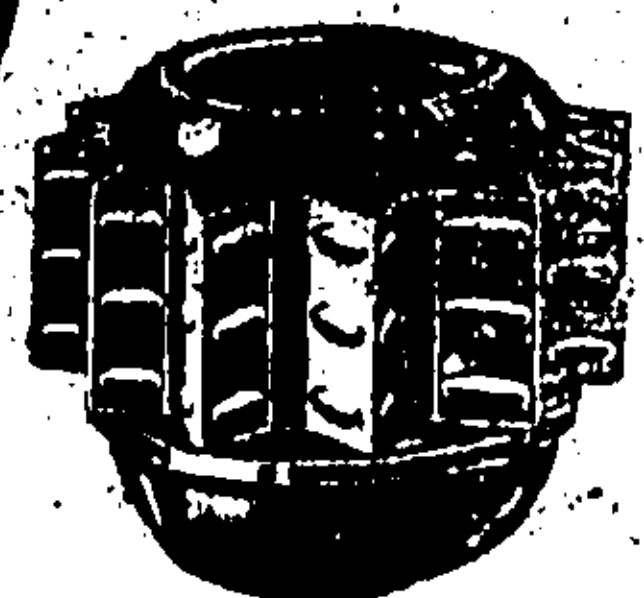
Total 79

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	4	0	21	0
Megson	6.7	0	25	9
Denyer	2	0	26	1



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KEREN AND HARRAR CAPTURED

Italy's Last Stronghold In Africa Falls Two Dramatic Successes Herald End Of Campaign

TWO TREMENDOUS NEW SUCCESSES BY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL ARMIES IN AFRICA WERE ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

The first is the capture of the mountain fortress of Keren, in Eritrea, which has been beleaguered for the past seven weeks and the fall of which no doubt seals the fate of Eritrea, if not also Abyssinia.

Hotfooted on this news comes second news — the capture of Harrar, second largest town in Abyssinia.

While part of the Imperial army was sweeping up to grab Mussolini's eagle nest in Eritrea, another force was rushing forward with typical Wavell blitz speed into the heart of Abyssinia.

Only a few days ago fighting was still taking place at Marda Pass, which barred the route to Harrar. To-day this town is in British hands.

One more prize remains to be taken before Il Duce disappears from East Africa for good—Addis Ababa, on which British columns are advancing from all directions.

Tough Obstacle

The capture of Keren and Harrar was announced in a communique saying: "Eritrea —

after heavy fighting for nearly a fortnight under the most difficult physical conditions of climate and country, British and Indian troops, admirably supported by the R.A.F., again defeated a numerically superior enemy force and occupied Keren.

"Abyssinia—Harrar is in our hands."

With the fall of Keren the headquarters of Mussolini's oldest colony is in British hands.

The British forces have found this mountain fortress one of the toughest obstacles in the whole campaign against Italy's

East African Empire. It was the last barrier to the key base of Asmara, the Eritrean capital, 75 miles along the railway to the east, and of Massawa, valuable Eritrean port.

Only Stand

It has been the only vital Italian position to make any prolonged stand against the swift hammer-like blows of the British and Imperial forces in Africa.

For weeks the armies of the Sudan have prepared, waiting on the last stretch of the Eritrean plain with an apparently unsurmountable obstacle before them.

A ridge of solid rock 1,000 feet high confronted them—a ridge whose sheer-faced precipices offered magnificent defence positions and were crowned by a series of arrow-head peaks.

IT IS AGAINST THIS FORMIDABLE FASHIONED BUTTRESS OF ROCK THAT THE EMPIRE FORCES HAVE STRUCK ONE OF THEIR MOST RESOUNDING BLOWS AS MILITARY EXPERTS RECOGNISED THE PLACE AS ONE OF THE MOST NATURALLY IMPREGNABLE FORTRESSES OF THE WAR. — REUTER.

Every Summit

Italy's most formidable ordnance guarded every summit, machine-gun nests abounded and strong points were cunningly arranged.

The military spokesman in Cairo said last night that one-third of the forces in Mussolini's East African Empire consisting of some 60,000 to 70,000 troops—were estimated to be defending Keren.

Their defeat might well lead to a general crumbling of the forces at the disposal of the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia.

Tremendous Blow

The fall of Keren, the spokesman added, would be a tremendous blow to Italian morale and prestige.

It would be possible to defend equally formidable peaks every five miles between Keren and Addis Ababa, but this was unlikely since Keren had been Italy's military show-place.

HOPES ARE NOW RUNNING HIGH IN CAIRO THAT MUSSOLINI'S BATTERED ARMIES WILL BE UNABLE TO HOLD OUT UNTIL THE RAINS. — REUTER.

WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM SWEEPS THE BALKANS

(Continued from Page 1)

Political circles in Washington are of opinion that the Russian support of Turkey, plus the Yugoslav revolt, will, with the fighting spirit of the Greek and British troops in the Balkans, present an array of strength in the Balkans formidable enough to make Hitler pause before launching a large-scale offensive.

In addition, the change in the Yugoslav situation will prove a fatal blow to the Italian forces in Albania. — REUTER.

GAS WAR WOULD BRING REPRISALS

The British Government is taking steps to ensure that the whole population is in a full state of preparedness against gas attacks.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, assured the Commons yesterday that Britain will in no circumstances be the first to use gas but the Germans' record showed they would stop at nothing.

In reply to a question whether that statement meant Britain would retaliate if the enemy used it first, Mr. Morrison invited the House to draw their own conclusions from his words. — REUTER.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON COAST

Some activity by enemy aircraft in the coastal regions during daylight yesterday is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Single aircraft in the morning dropped bombs in a south-east coast town.

Houses were damaged but nobody was killed or seriously injured.

In the early afternoon an aircraft dropped bombs in a south coast district, causing a number of casualties, including several killed, and damage to buildings. — REUTER.

PROMINENT ROLE OF R.A.F. IN KEREN'S FALL

THE PROMINENT PART played by R.A.F. and South African aircraft in the capture of Keren is described in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

After remarking that the fall of the stronghold followed "some of the fiercest enemy opposition encountered in the East African campaign," the communique says that during the past week enemy positions in the hills around this Italian stronghold had been heavily and persistently bombed.

Nearly 40 tons of bombs were dropped in this area during the last four days and more than 120 in the last 12 days.

Our aircraft have been over the target most of these days from morning till night.

Fighter aircraft of the South African Air Force have also been active in the area and on Wednesday, not many hours before the town fell, two of

them engaged and destroyed two Fiat fighters.

The Air Force's contribution to the successful operations against Keren is remarkable in view of the difficult flying conditions. The town itself is surrounded by tiers of mountains between 6,000 and 7,000 feet high and it was amongst these that our aircraft had to seek out and destroy enemy positions. — REUTER.

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WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM SWEEPS THE BALKANS

NEW YUGOSLAV CABINET

The new Yugoslav Cabinet has been completed by General Simovitch, with himself as Prime Minister.

The three members who resigned from the former Cabinet as a protest against the signing of the Axis Pact return to office.

They are M. Kulovetz, who becomes Minister of Public Works, M. Tschubricovitch, who becomes Minister of Agriculture, and M. Budishlevitch, who has resumed office as Minister of Interior.

The Croat leader, Dr. Matich, becomes first Vice-Premier. Although he was a member of the previous Cabinet and a party to adherence to the Axis Pact, he has always opposed subservience to Germany.

All Parties Included

M. Yovanovitch has been appointed second Vice-Premier. He was among those who earlier appealed to Prince Paul against signature of the Axis Pact.

The Cabinet includes representatives of all leading Serb, Croat and Slovene parties.—Reuter.

Yugoslav Coup Stirs Excitement

A WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM AND REJOICING SWEEPED GREECE WHEN THE NEWS OF THE YUGOSLAV REVOLUTION BECAME KNOWN. ATHENS RADIO FOLLOWED ITS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEWS BY BROADCASTING THE YUGOSLAV NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PATRIOTIC SONGS.

Special editions of the Greek newspapers were rushed into the streets.

General opinion in Athens is that the "Yugoslav people have proved worthy of its brave and chivalrous tradition."

Demonstrations of support for the Yugoslavs were general in Salonika. Local Serbian residents showed unrestrained joy and there were also scenes of fervent enthusiasm on the Albanian front.

At points where Greeks and Yugoslavs were in contact, soldiers of the two countries embraced each other and saluted their respective flags. In Athens itself the news of the coup d'etat was received with great enthusiasm.

Crowds gathered outside the Yugoslav Legation shouting "Long Live King Peter."

Broad Smiles

Men read special editions of the newspapers with trembling hands and strangers in the streets shook hands excitedly.

The King of Greece entered Military Headquarters smiling happily and broad smiles broke out on the faces of his Ministers.

In Washington, the coup d'etat is the sole topic. It is described as the most cheering news since the British and Greek defeats of the Italians.

Matsuoka Rebound

IT IS THOUGHT IN WASHINGTON THAT THIS FIRST MAJOR DIPLOMATIC DEFEAT FOR HITLER WILL BE OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE BALKANS.

It is thought, in Washington, for instance, that Hitler demanded the signature by Yugoslavia of the Axis Pact when he did in order to impress Mr. Matsuoka and to induce Japan to enter the war.

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U.S. PLEDGE TO BELGRADE

The United States has promised Yugoslavia full aid if she is forced to resist aggression.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, announced at his press conference in Washington yesterday that the United States Minister in Belgrade had been instructed to inform the Yugoslav Government that the change of power in Yugoslavia is widely welcomed in the United States as a matter of self-congratulation to every liberty-loving man and woman, and that in accordance with the Lease and Lend Act, President Roosevelt is able, in the interest of the national defence of the United States, to render effective material assistance to nations seeking to preserve their independence and integrity against aggression.

Mr. Welles also indicated that Yugoslav assets in the United States, which were frozen this week, might be released.—Reuter.

BERLIN'S STIFF UPPER LIP

The Axis is significantly silent on yesterday's developments in Yugoslavia.

Competent circles in Berlin stated that up to midday they had received "no authentic information in regard to events in Belgrade," states the official German news agency, and therefore official and semi-official circles in Berlin refrain from taking up any attitude in the matter.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL QUARTERS LIKEWISE DECLINE TO EXPRESS ANY VIEW CONCERNING THE BELGRADE EVENTS, ACCORDING TO WIRELESS REPORTS FROM ROME.

No telephone message has been received in Rome from the Italian Legation in Belgrade, it was added.—Reuter.

ITALY'S AFRICAN EMPIRE NOW AT WAVELL'S MERCY

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

ITALY'S AFRICAN EMPIRE is now in the hands of General Wavell, and with the fall of Keren, General Wavell is a free man — free to fight another enemy.

The Italians fought at Keren as they have never fought before in the history of their race. They fought superbly — and now they have been beaten only because of the outstandingly brilliant tactics of General Wavell.

General Wavell did an astonishing thing. After his capture of Sidi Barrani, on the Egyptian-Libyan border, he divided the two forces, which had captured this place, one of which was entirely Indian, southwards to the Sudan, and the other northwards to the Eritrean border, whence the attack on Keren really began.

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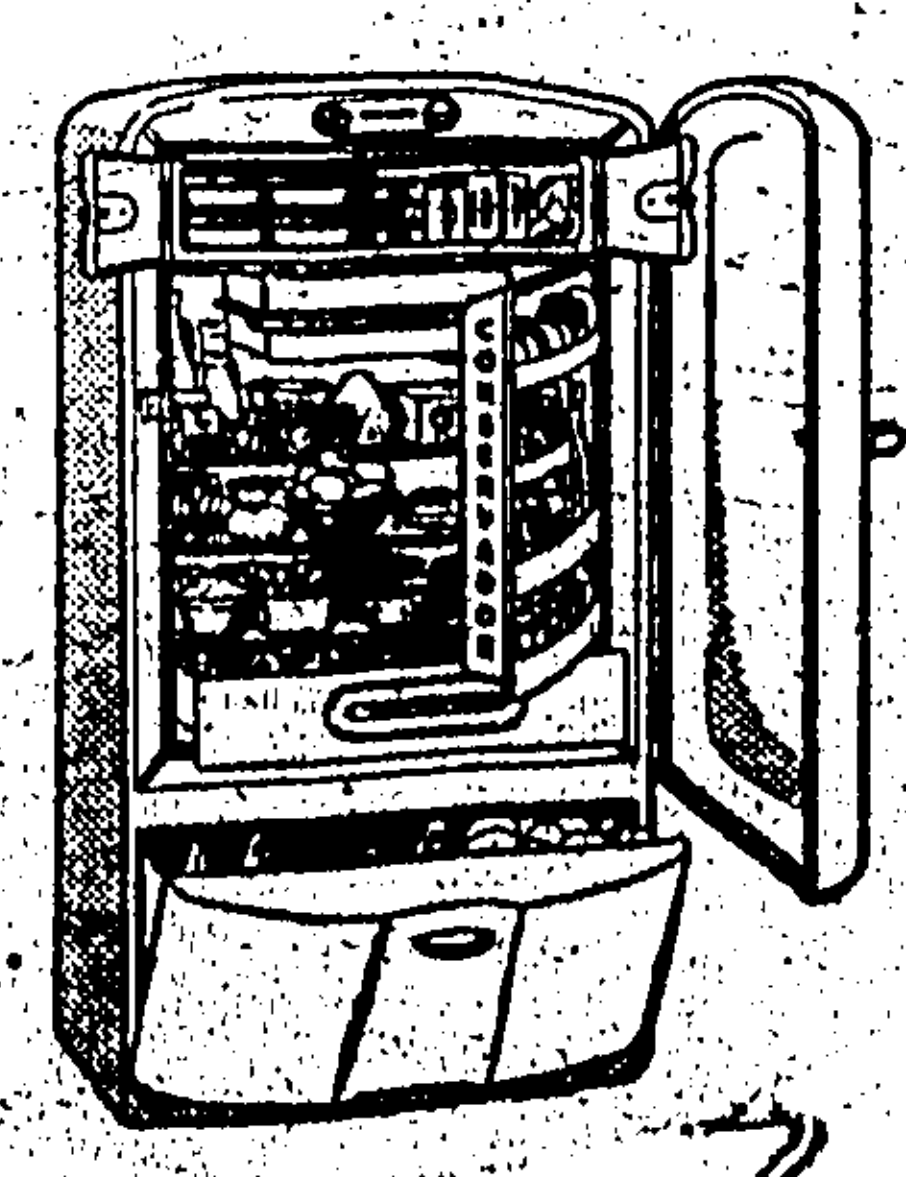
General Strike In Syria

The general strike has broken out afresh in many centres in Syria, says a Jerusalem despatch to the Independent French Agency.

Offices have been closed, and traffic suspended in Damascus, Aleppo and other towns, it is stated, while military forces have been sent to Damascus and Aleppo.

The leaders of the "national bloc" who instigated the movement, claim a wide degree of autonomy for Syria and the calling of a National Assembly.—Reuter.

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Young King Peter's Coup In Mind For Several Days

REVELATION OF LETTER TO LONDON

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE MANLY AND COURAGEOUS ROLE PLAYED BY THE BOY KING PETER OF YUGOSLAVIA HAS CAUSED FIERCE PRIDE BUT NOT SURPRISE AMONG THOSE IN LONDON WHO KNOW HIM BEST.

Although kept in the shadow by the Regent, Prince Paul, and a group of pro-Axis politicians, the youthful monarch watched events silently.

AIRMEN HARRYING ITALIANS

British and South African warplanes are continuing to harry the Italians in East Africa.

R.A.F. and South African bombers severely attacked the Addis-Ababa-Djibouti railway again on Wednesday, says an R.A.F. communique in Cairo, causing heavy damage to the track, rolling stock and bridges.

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and badly damaged enemy motor transport near Gondar.

Enemy positions in the hills around Keren were again heavily and frequently bombed.

South African fighters shot

He has not been a puppet in the recent dramatic events but has been quietly awaiting his hour.

The last diplomatic bag to reach London from Belgrade arrived four weeks ago and contained a letter from King Peter to one of his most intimate confidants in London.

IT MAY NOW BE REVEALED THAT IN THE LETTER KING PETER WROTE: "I AM WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN YUGOSLAVIA WILL DECIDE AGAINST THE NAZIS SO THAT I CAN TAKE CHARGE OF THE ARMY."

Within less than a month the boy King's ambition has been fulfilled.—Reuter.

down two Fiat fighters in this area.

Another communique states that 120 tons of bombs have been dropped on Keren by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force during the past 12 days.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC BASE AGREEMENT SIGNED

In a felicitous atmosphere, the Anglo-American agreement for leasing Atlantic bases to the United States was signed in the Cabinet Room at 10, Downing Street yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Churchill made a happy gesture to the American signatories by using four special fountain-pens which afterwards were presented to Mr. John Winant, the Ambassador, and his three colleagues as mementoes.

Each recipient's name was engraved on each pen.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON NOT SURPRISED

News of the revolution in Yugoslavia was not entirely unexpected by official circles in Washington, in view of recent reports of anti-Axis sentiment.

While it is denied that the United States Administration has done anything in the nature of advising Belgrade, the United States undoubtedly placed clearly before the Belgrade Government in recent days the benefits of British and American aid which would accrue to Yugoslavia if she resisted the Axis.—Reuter.

MATSUOKA RECEIVES ITALIAN ENVOY

Mr. Matsuoka received the Italian Ambassador to Germany yesterday. They had "a long and cordial conversation," according to Rome radio, says Reuter.

"SEVERE ICING CONDITIONS"

Frequently in news bulletins and pilots' stories the phrase occurs 'we found severe icing conditions'. Ice is one of the real troubles which sometimes beset our bomber pilots on their long runs, but most of them are so experienced that they can avoid serious consequences by taking proper action. They may have to come lower, and find a slightly warmer temperature, or they may go much higher and find conditions cold but dry.

Sometimes, however, they cannot get out of the icing conditions by either move; the humidity and temperature are against them. Then it is a matter of real airmanship, and not infrequently an anxious time. Ice, not in flakes but in considerable chunks is thrown from the aircrew and other parts of the aircraft, and sometimes the carburetter intake suffers.

Recently a pilot returned from a long trip with a smile, and a very black eye. He had been taking one of our heavy bombers across to pay a visit to a particular target in Germany. The Germans suffered from his visit, but on the way his aircraft iced up so badly that the aircrew was throwing off ice in disturbing quantities. One particularly large piece came off with such force that it broke through the glazing of the cockpit and almost knocked the pilot out, hitting him squarely in the face. Only the fact that the glazing had checked the force of the blow saved him from more serious damage. Still he reached home and landed his aircraft safely.

A night or two later another pilot who had been no more than a few miles, by road, walked into an obstruction in the black-out. He too sustained a blackish eye. When he appeared in the mess he was greeted with a genial chorus: "More ice?" and blushing, retired, unable to claim the alibi.

A FAMOUS BAND

Many star instrumentalists of famous dance bands are serving in the R.A.F. Indeed there is scarcely a "top of the bill" band which is not well represented.

From Ambrose's Band alone, eight men joined up together. They hoped their peace time association might continue, and in this they are lucky for they are still all together at an R.A.F. station.

Lads who previously worked for Jack Hylton, Jack Payne, Jack Harris, Billy Cotton, Lew Stone, and half a score of other popular band leaders are now in R.A.F. uniform.

While these men are under training, they are, still given opportunities to be bandsmen.

That is why the R.A.F. has been able to form what is claimed to be the best dance band in the country—a section of the Central Band of the R.A.F. under Wing Commander R. P. O'Donnell, M.V.O., Director of Music.

Every man in this R.A.F. dance band is known to the public.

Recently the band has been touring R.A.F. stations giving complete entertainments with guest artists. Shortly it is to broadcast, and will also be making a series of gramophone records. The proceeds will go to R.A.F. charities and the Com-forts Fund.

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COUP'S PROFOUND EFFECT ON MILITARY POSITION

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE REVOLT OF THE Yugoslav people and armed forces under their young King against Nazi domination and their own Quislings will have a profound effect on the military situation.

The Nazi forces cannot use Yugoslavia as a base for attacking Greece down the Vardar Valley and this passage is now denied them unless they are prepared to fight for it.

The fighting will be severe and German casualties will be heavy if they attempt force. The troops they will have to meet and defeat are brave, the country is most difficult, lending itself extremely favourably to defensive operations.

The situation which the Nazi General Staff now have to deal with is either to carry through an attack on a very restricted front against Greece down the Struma Valley, with a subsidiary advance perhaps

down the Mesta Valley, or bring up considerably larger forces for a simultaneous attack on Yugoslavia as well.

Hitter Checked

This would put a considerable increased strain on German resources, and moreover there is no certainty of success.

First result of the new situation in Yugoslavia will probably be to delay for several weeks at least any German move in the Balkans.—Reuter.

GREAT GUESSING GAME

Initiative Passes From Nazis To Britain

DEFENCE AGAINST TYRANNY

Text of the Anglo-American Lend Lease Agreement, signed in London yesterday, has been issued together with an official statement.

The statement says the signing of the agreement, coming so soon after the passing of the Lend Lease Act, marks one more stage in the development of the policy of good neighbourliness and friendly cooperation to which the two Democracies in their common interests have devoted themselves.

"BRITISH INTERESTS ARE NO LESS THAN AMERICAN, AND THE INTERESTS OF THE COLONIES THEMSELVES WHERE THE BASES ARE SITUATED, AND CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND, WILL BE SERVED BY THE ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH THE FULLEST AND FREEST FACILITIES POSSIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY ENSURE WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED AS SECURITY AGAINST THE DANGERS OF THE FUTURE."

"The leasing of these bases represents further and very real contributions by the territories concerned to the Allied cause and defence against tyranny."—Reuter.

HER JOB IS TOO EASY!

Because she felt that she was taking money for nothing, a girl book-keeper has thrown up a Government job.

She worked for the Milk Marketing Board at Thames Ditton for £2 18s. a week, plus war bonus. With overtime, she often earned more than £5 a week.

She wrote to the Kingston Employment Committee: "I was

Hitler Now Set The Problems

WHATEVER THE German air force can do to stop the growing threat of Britain's new United States bombers, must be done at once, declares an editorial in the "Chicago Sunday Times."

The great guessing game of trying to predict what Hitler is going to do has entered a new phase. It is Hitler to-day who is trying to guess what the British are going to do.

German civilians are wondering where the R.A.F. will strike next. All over the Continent of Europe there is fear and eyes straining aloft.

They have been told the United States cannot send England help but there it is—right before their eyes.

Hitler's greatest military risk has come to pass—warfare on many different fronts simultaneously.

Berlin Alarm

The "New York Post," in a message from its Zurich correspondent, says that German preparations to move the Reich capital from Berlin to Vienna were seen in the mass expulsion of Jews and Czechs from Vienna.

The capital will be shifted should the R.A.F. succeed in organising extensive bombing of Berlin, it is believed.

there for three weeks and I can honestly say that, during that time, I did not do more than one day's work."

She stated that there were "smoking times" from 10.45 to 11 a.m., and from 3.45 to 4 p.m.

"Half an hour after the girls arrived at the office, tea and coffee were brought round," she added.

The first application for unemployment benefit was rejected.

HITLER AND MR. MATSUOKA TALK FOR HOURS

HITLER RECEIVED Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in the new Chancellery, says the official German news agency, and besides Ribbentrop, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin (General Oshima), the German Ambassador in Tokyo (General Ott) and Meissner, head of the presidential chancellery, were present.

Doernberg, the Chief of Protocol, accompanied Mr. Matsuoka from the Bellevue Palace, and, the agency adds, the Berlin population gave the Japanese visitor "an enthusiastic reception."

Hitler's bodyguard rendered military honours in the hall of the Chancellery.

The Hitler-Matsuoka meeting lasted two and a half hours.

According to the official German news agency "all current questions were dealt with in an atmosphere of cordial friendship."

After the meeting the Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said: "The principle of preventing an expansion of the war in accordance

with the Tripartite Pact was confirmed."

Scope Of War

This applied, he said, to the East as well as the West. Anyone entering the war must be regarded as an enemy of the "great allied powers."

Questioned by foreign journalists the spokesman added: "It is difficult to separate diplomatic from military affairs. To-day's talk covered the scope of the whole war against Britain."—Reuter.

The German authorities are expecting this bombing to be intensified because of the increased British aircraft production and the arrival of more American long-range bombers. — Reuter.

LEND AND LEASE VOTE SIGNED

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the Lend and Lease Appropriation Bill providing \$7,000,000,000 to aid the Allies, says Reuter from New York.

YUGOSLAVIA LIVENS STOCK MARKET

The Yugoslav developments dispelled an early drooping tendency on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and caused a general cheerful sentiment together with a larger volume of business. In-

"SEND PRIVATES MONEY, TOO"

Captain Margesson, War Minister, has been asked to abolish a distinction between British officer and private soldier prisoners of war in Germany.

He will agree, it is expected, that privates—as well as officers—can have £2 sent to them from time to time.

The Health Minister, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, told Parliament that he hoped soon to introduce legislation to protect the health and pensions insurance rights of British seamen prisoners of war.

This question arose over the back subscriptions of the seamen held in the Nazi gaol-ship Altmark.

Interest continues to be mainly centred in gilt-edged which advanced strongly, with war loan closing at a new high level. Home rails were also a good feature while industrials recovered from early small declines. Kassirs met with Cape and local buying while oils encountered more activity.—Reuter.

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FATE OF ERITREA SEALED

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The fall of Keren practically means the end of the campaign in Eritrea, Italy's oldest and most developed holding in North Africa.

The capital, Asmara, and its chief seaport, Massawa, are not likely to put up any serious resistance.

The Duke of Aosta has been concentrating all available strength in defence of two points—Addis Ababa, in Abyssinia, and Keren, in Eritrea.

Asmara and Massawa will probably meet the same fate as Keren in a matter of days, whereas the capture of Keren has taken weeks.

The Italians have fought well here, and their heavy losses testify to their qualities when fighting with backs to the wall, but the British attacks have been pressed home inexorably and the fall of Keren was inevitable.

Last Link

The capture of Harrar also is very important as it threatens the last link between Addis Ababa and the sea at Djibouti, the subjection of which need not be hurried and can be left largely to the Abyssinian patriots.

End of the campaign in Eritrea, however, will release large Imperial forces at a moment when they will be doubly precious in other spheres of the Near East.

INCIDENTALLY THERE SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLE WAR MATERIAL AWAITING HARVEST AT MASSAWA.—REUTER.

TRAINS BOMBED ON RAILWAY

A Nairobi communique announces continued action by the South-African Air Force in attacking enemy rail and road communications between Direidawa and Awash.

Many bombs hit a train which comprised fifteen trucks and was moving towards Direidawa, at Urso. Direct hits were made on the front and rear of the train, two gaps being caused.

Other trains were attacked at Melso and Awash and, in one case, three trucks overturned on the bank. Twenty trucks and some troops at Metehara, nearer Addis Ababa, were machine-gunned.

Two fires were seen at Awash where mechanised transport was also machine-gunned.

Two enemy bombers over the Marda Pass area dropped only one stick of bombs and remained two minutes, and did no damage. South African aircraft have landed at Rocco-Littorio in Italian Somaliland, to evacuate enemy civilian nationals.—British Wireless.

20,000 JAPANESE KILLED

The Japanese lost 20,000 killed and wounded in Kiangsi province, declared the Chinese military spokesman in Chungking.

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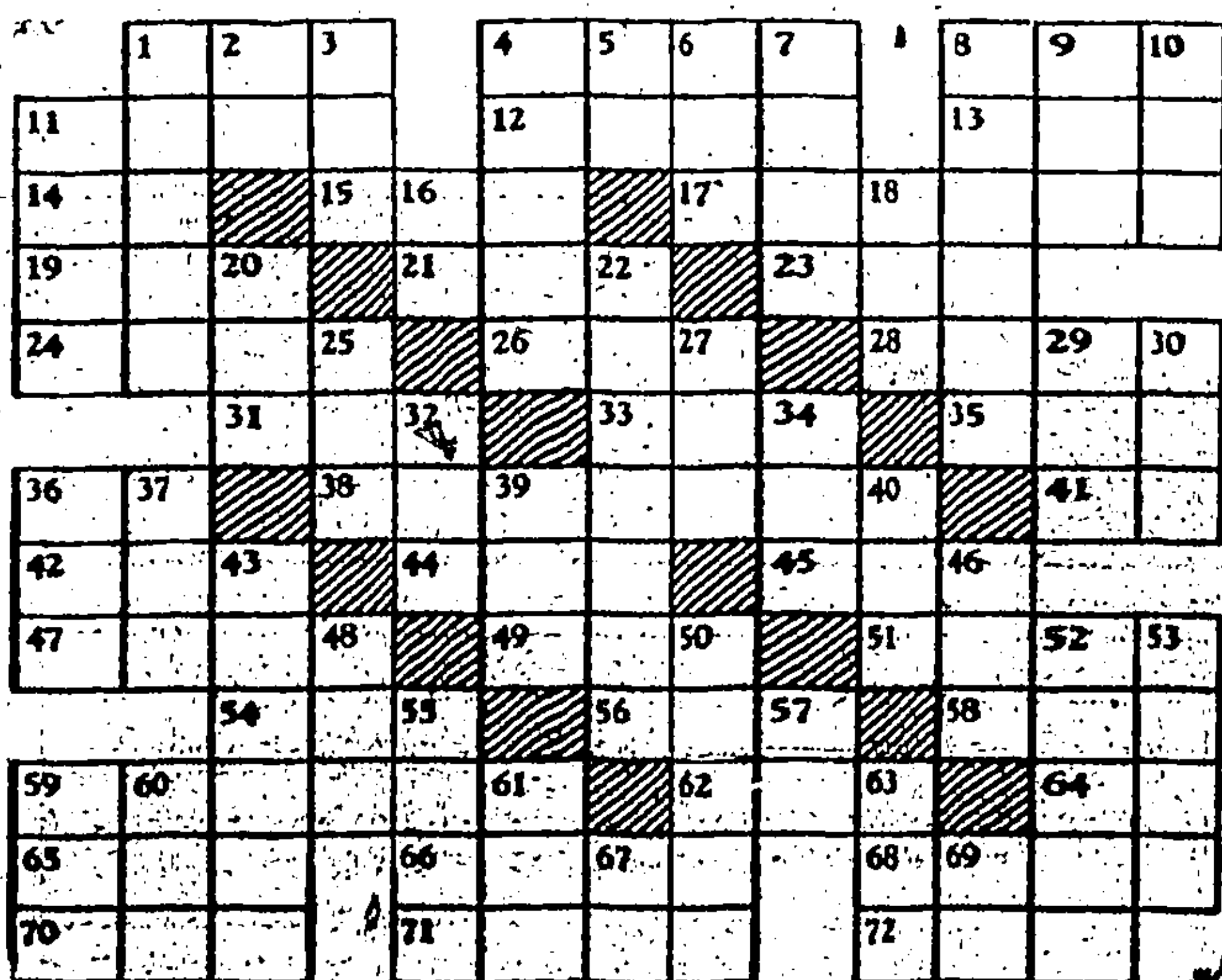
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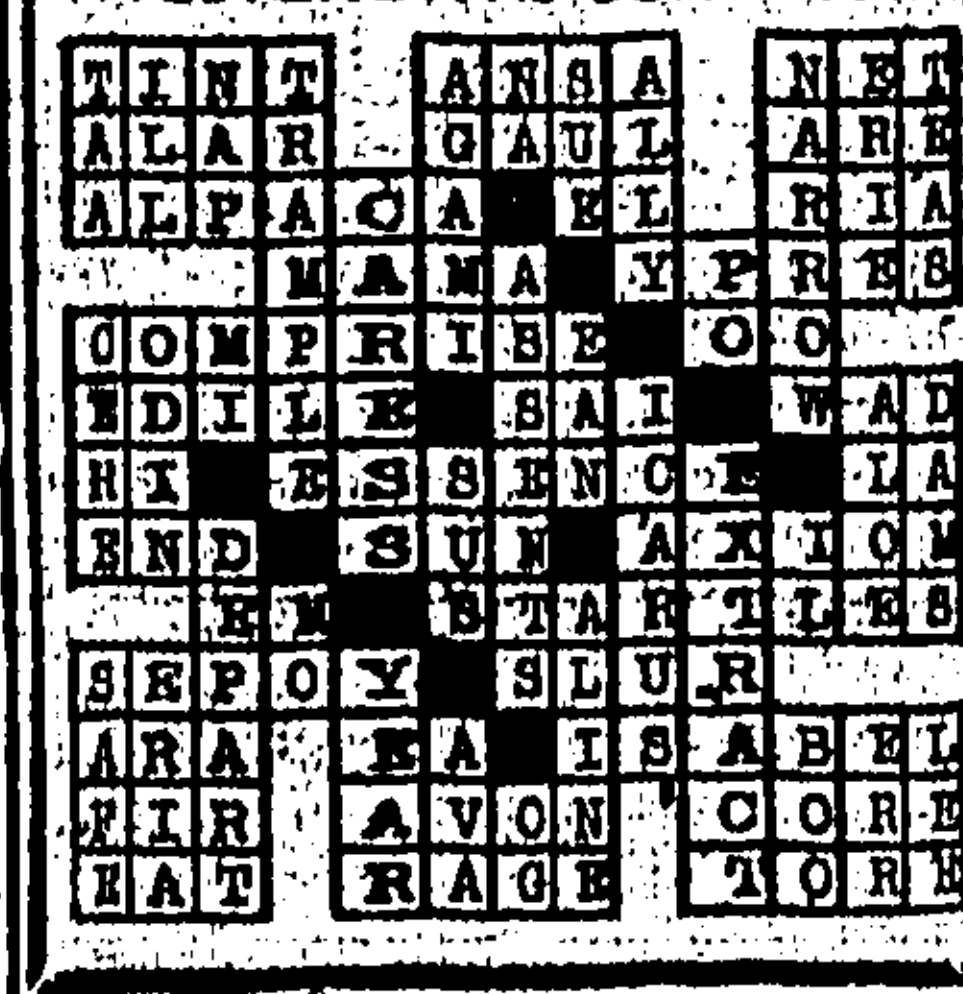
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- 4 Stride
- 9 To show deference
- 11 Enclosed
- 12 Diving bird
- 13 Constellation
- 14 Paid notice
- 15 Bon
- 17 Orderly arrangement
- 19 Garland
- 21 Hall
- 23 Indian pillar
- 24 Young sheep
- 26 Indo-Chinese tree
- 28 To shine
- 31 Container
- 33 Digit
- 35 Guido's high note
- 38 Preposition
- 39 Philistine giant
- 41 Article
- 42 To sleep
- 44 To decay
- 45 Object
- 47 Cry of sorrow
- 49 Ancient
- 51 Davenport
- 54 To fall behind
- 56 Before
- 58 Sticky substance

VERTICAL

- 1 Sister of Circe
- 2 Preposition
- 3 Devoured
- 4 Person held in bondage
- 8 Dawn goddess
- 7 Athenian popular assembly
- 8 Conflict
- 9 Anglo-Saxon money

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



HUGE U.S. STEEL OUTPUT

Employing more workers than it ever has before, the United States Steel Corporation is producing a much greater amount of steel for arms production than during the first World War, says the "New York Herald-Tribune."

Mr. Irving Olds, the chairman, announced this in the 39th annual report.

The Corporation is running its mills at a rate equalling about 90 per cent of theoretical capacity.

Mr. Olds said the Corporation was sending large quantities of steel to Great Britain.—Reuter.

CHINA SHIPPING ISSUES

Answering a Commons question regarding the facilities allowed to British shipping at Chinese coastal ports in Japanese occupation, the Foreign Under-Secretary said:

"At Shanghai, there is no interference with British shipping.

At Tientsin, the situation is generally speaking satisfactory.

At Chefoo, conditions are on the whole worse than in 1937, but there has been no discrimination for the past 18 months, in which period working conditions have remained the same.

At Tsingtao, additional wharves are still available and improved conditions continue, but the berths allotted third power shipping are very exposed and have inadequate godown accommodation so that some delay is being experienced by British shipping.

At Canton, weekly sailings under agreement with the Japanese are at present suspended by mutual agreement, but negotiations are still proceeding.—British Wireless.

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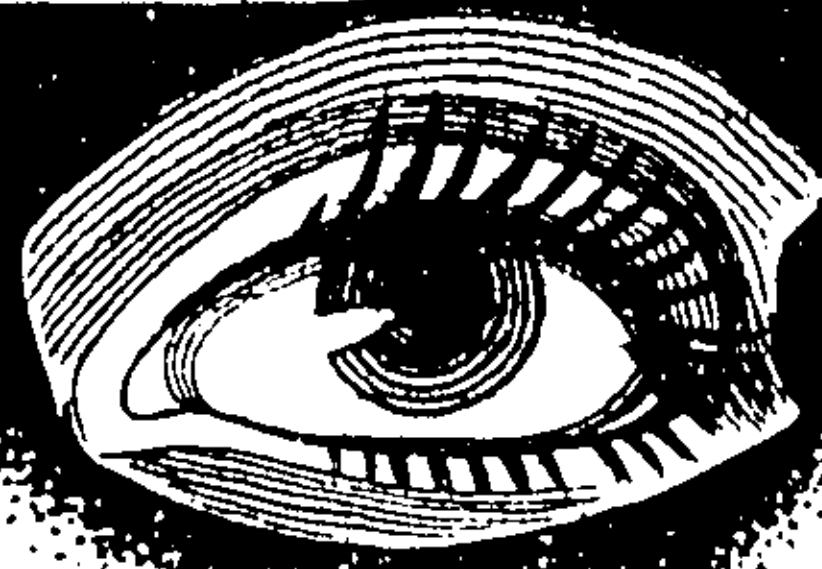
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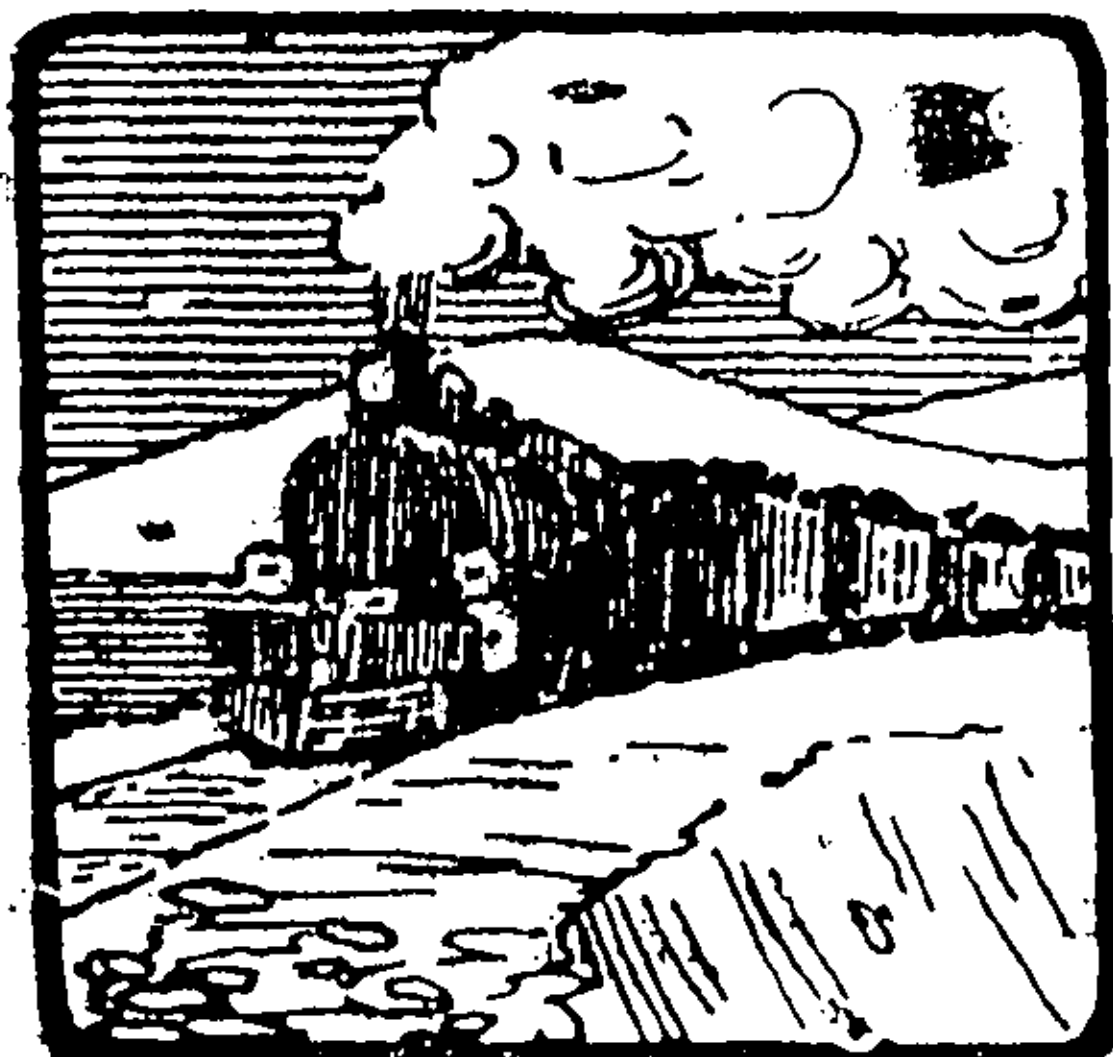
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NAZIS POUR SLAVES INTO NEW HOMES

ON THE RUSSIAN border, where tiny streams and rows of sturdy tank traps and barbed wire separate eastern Germany from what was Lithuania until the Russians moved in, one gets a small but compelling picture of the migrating peoples whose movements are permanently altering the character of Europe regardless of the outcome of the war.

These are some of the 70,000 Baltic Germans who are being repatriated as part of the Reich's campaign to bring within its borders all the so-called Volksdeutsche, or persons of German descent, that it can. According to published figures, 550,000 have returned from various parts of Europe since October 1938.

Simple peasants for the most part, these people from former Lithuania have packed what they could bring, sometimes with a horse and a wooden, springless wagon, sometimes in shawls, sometimes in only their coarse and worn garments, to find a new life in Germany. Most of them are cheerful, but the women have the weariness and hopelessness that comes from long hardships. Almost all of the children are completely stocial except for the one small boy of 5 years whose mother, with no visible expression, holds him up while he cries for the benefit of photographers.

Promised Good Farmland

More fortunate than some of the European wanderers, these people have the promise, at least, of the German government that they will be provided with farms with approximately similar resources and livestock as those they left behind. German commissions operating in Russia have made a careful inventory of the possessions and capabilities of these returning citizens.

But that is in the uncertain future. Between them and their new homes are three or four months in large camps where they will be examined carefully for disease or other undesirable qualities and catechised in German thinking. They had their first experience with it at the border, where officials greeted them and welcoming banners and flags decorated the otherwise dreary streets.

En route one saw, near Posen, the final steps in this resettlement process. There Volksdeutsche from the General Government (section of German-controlled Poland) have been installed in homes many of which were built during an earlier German government and were occupied by Polish people after 1918. About 35,000 persons have been brought to this area, which is now the warthe gau (district) of the Reich, in a direct exchange of population.

The German authorities say that they have made every effort to make the exchange as equal as possible in resources, furnishing and livestock.

Scars Of War Still Evident

Some scars of the brief and savage war that wiped out Poland as a nation a year and a half ago can still be seen from the train windows as one travels between the borders near Osterode and Bentschen. Many of the bridges, including the broad span over the Vistula, are still being repaired, where sections were destroyed, and a few shell-damaged houses can be observed. Although this territory has been incorporated into the Reich, special police passes are still required and it is almost impossible for foreigners to visit the General Government.

In Posen almost every trace of its Polish occupation has disappeared with an amazing thoroughness. Street signs are new and in German. Freshly painted patches on store fronts and other buildings are still evident.

Frequent signs in railroad stations and other places say that only German will be spoken and many business houses have placards preventing the entry of Poles. Street-

cars are double, with the forward car exclusively for Germans.

New roads are being constructed. Farm production is being speeded up and much renovation has been undertaken in the city itself. Food is still more plentiful here than around Berlin, for example, and ration cards have not yet been introduced, although they will come later this month. Transport, restricted during the Polish campaign, has been restored, and it will be possible to move more of the produce from here to less agricultural regions.

NAZIS TRY TO TRICK FRENCH

Here is an example of the methods adopted by the Nazis is give the French people in occupied France the impression that they are "good" to them by providing them with food.

A French business man whose land produces chiefly potatoes arrived to see how the crop was progressing.

He discovered that all the potatoes had been collected and put in sacks which filled two large sheds on his farm.

Each sack bore a label: "Imported from Germany." A few days later the Nazis had posters on the walls of a neighbouring town announcing that, while "the English are endeavouring to starve the people of France, the German authorities, who are doing all they can to provide food for them," had just imported a large stock of potatoes from Ger-

CANADA'S PART IN SEA WAR

Cmdre. L. W. Murray, of the Royal Canadian Navy, has arrived in London with the important mission of administering Canada's naval services based on Britain. He hopes also to see something of the real war of shot and shell.

He was at sea throughout the last war, for most of the time in warships escorting Transatlantic convoys. "But," he said, "I have seen more of real war in London during the last few days than I have ever seen before."

Cmdre. Murray has come from the Ottawa office where he worked as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, to set up an office in London for his newly-created post of Commodore Commanding Canadian Ships and Establishments in the United Kingdom.

"I shall go to sea for as long as I can — perhaps until May," he said. "From my office in Ottawa I have tried to keep in touch with things, but I feel that I have to go out and learn the language that people are speaking nowadays. It is different from the language we spoke last time."

"At my new office in this country," Cmdre. Murray added, "I shall be able to see the captains as they come ashore and find out all their troubles."

"In addition to our ships, we have here some 420 volunteer reserve officers serving with the Royal Navy. They will be my concern as well. There is hardly a ship of the Royal Navy that has not some Canadians on board."

Poles and Free Frenchmen are serving in Canadian ships — "to our advantage, and, we hope, to theirs," Cmdre. Murray says.

many for the French populations. Twenty thousands pounds of these would be sold at cost price by the German authorities in the public market the following day. And the French business man saw his own potatoes sold by the Nazis.



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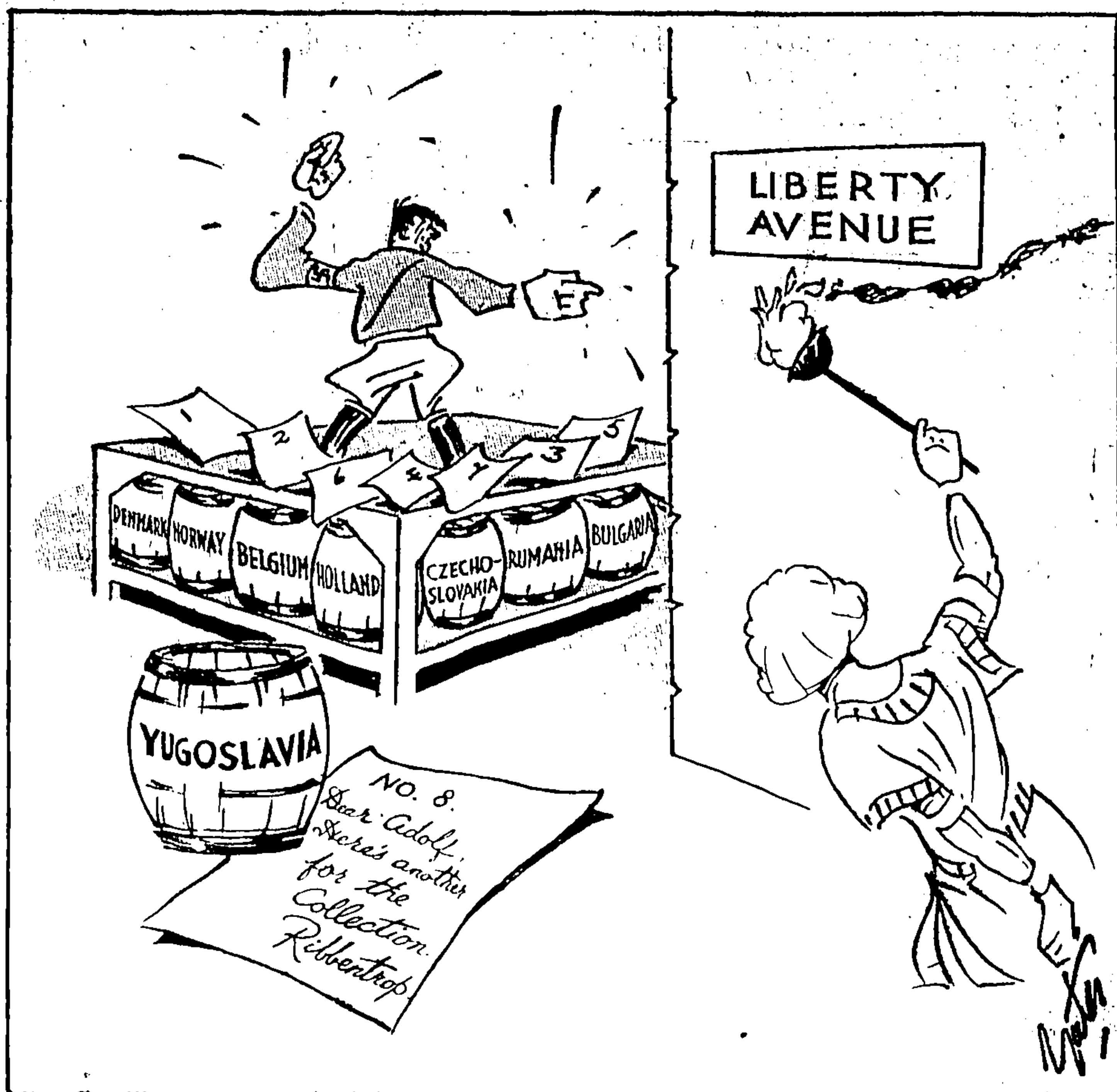
There is a good deal of evidence to show that there is little enthusiasm in Germany for the war. The latest report is an article in the "Chicago Daily News" by a writer who has spent six years in Berlin as the correspondent of that paper. He describes the nervous wear and tear of the violent experiences through which the German people have passed in the last twenty years; he observes that he has often seen German soldiers passing through Berlin and other cities on their way to the front and only once heard soldiers singing; he speaks of the German people as "tired as few people in the world have ever been tired without breaking down."

To maintain their spirit at all it is necessary for the Nazis to give the Germans at home a rose-coloured view of the German behaviour abroad. The Nazis, therefore, who use films in neutral countries to show how ruthless they are to peoples who resist them use films at home to show how considerate is their conduct.

It would be idle to expect the war to come to an end because the German people are tired, bearing the burden of exhausting years and disappointed hopes. But the state of mind of Germany would become important once a movement of liberation began in Europe. The Germans are hated in every country. This is not less true of Italy, the ally of the Nazis, than of those peoples who are their victims. If once the bitter detestation and longing for vengeance bred by the Nazi system found an opportunity, Germany would have to withstand a great popular force. An army crossing Europe would collect behind it and in front of it all this great submerged power created by brutal exploitation.

To the Germans at home the discovery of all this passionate hatred would come as a shock, for no people has been taught so successfully to believe what it is told. In this way the Nazis are undermining their own power of resistance. So long as victories seem to vindicate the judgment of their rulers they will put up with great disappointment and severe hardship. But if some great demand is made on their courage and resolution, the col-

THE POWDER-KEGS OF EUROPE



When Smith Yates prepared this cartoon yesterday the intention was to stress how Hitler was piling up stacks of trouble which would go off under him one day. Young King Peter's dramatic coup seems to have blown up the Yugoslavian barrel under Ribbentrop!

Is Victory In Sight?

By
John Gordon

More and more you will find a hint creeping into the speeches of British Cabinet Ministers that this year will bring us victory.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Minister for Air, has just said it very cautiously, but still unmistakably. A day or two earlier Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and one of the most dynamic figures in the War Council, said it very emphatically. Even Mr. Churchill's speeches have been vibrant with a new optimism.

When men in such a high position express such high hopes, the ordinary citizen accepts them as prophets.

The people feel the tide of war is going with them. Their confidence is now as great as their pride in themselves. They sense and see the tremendous change that has come over the situation in the past few months. They take it for granted that the rest of the world sees that change as well.

One of the things that has heartened them most is the fact that the R.A.F. has now begun heavy daylight raiding on Germany and countries occupied by Germans. That is a tremendously important development. For day-

lapse of their faith in this Nazi doctrine that Germany is giving Europe final peace, the discovery of the immense unsuspected volume of anti-German passion among the peoples of the world, would put a great strain on their endurance. The sudden failure of nerve which ended the last war is significant. It is significant, too, that observers state that Germans are already reminding themselves that in that war Germany seemed to be winning until the last moment.

light raiding has been proved to be the only sort of raiding that can produce real results. It is only in daylight that you can get real precision. By night there is too much haphazard luck about it.

Now the Germans knew that before the war began. They never troubled to train themselves in night raiding which requires an entirely different technique and different qualities. They never expected to be forced into night raiding.

Unfortunately for their plans the R.A.F. swept them out of the British skies when they came in daylight. They had to stop day raiding because their losses were so high that if it had continued the Luftwaffe would have been destroyed entirely. Such raids as we have in daylight now are little tip and run affairs to which no one pays any attention.

The fact that the R.A.F. has now begun to raid by day as well as night shows that at last the strength is there. And significantly enough, at the same time we are beginning to bring down night bombers every night. Great things will happen this spring. We know it.

Even the worst of night raids—and some of them are still very bad—seems now to have very little effect on British people. Women, and men too, who a year ago would have rushed to a shelter at the first sound of an air alert, now sleep in their beds and go about their business quite unperturbed.

The tragedies that happen do not daunt them. They have quite the opposite effect. They stiffen them. Yet some of these tragedies are deeply moving.

Great squads of soldiers have been working in one of the largest bomb craters yet made in London. A heavy bomb penetrated a London subway in which many people were sheltering. How many is

not known and may never be known.

Strangely enough the bomb caused very little havoc on the surface. In fact I do not think it broke a single window in a surrounding building. But it brought down the roof of the subway on the shelterers.

Most of the shelters of London are as safe as shelters can be. But sometimes the millionth chance comes off. It did so the other day in one suburban shelter under a shop. A bomb by sheer fate fell into the only ventilator, just three feet wide, and destroyed the shelter.

These pranks of fate in air raids are something fantastic. The other night the porter of a London club was sitting in his little wooden reception box, with a cup of tea in his hand, when he heard a bomb falling.

Instinctively he ducked behind the flimsy wooden partition. The bomb wrecked the building but by some queer chance not his box. When the debris had finished falling he straightened himself up and found that he still had his cup of tea unspilt in his hand. So he drank it.

It is a significant sign of the way Londoners now regard air raids that in the last month the number of people sleeping in the Tubes, which are regarded as shelters, has fallen from 177,500 a night to 91,000. People now prefer their beds.

Perhaps another good sign of the spirit of the people is a notice that hangs outside a Chapel in the battered East End: "If your knee knock, kneel on them."

Let me end with one other story which reflects the "tails up" spirit of the R.A.F. It is a story that is going the rounds of the R.A.F. Messes. A pilot, seeing 50 Messerschmidt fighters in front of him, looked round to find that he had become separated from his squadron and was flying alone.

A voice came from his radio. It was his Chief speaking from the ground.

"Have you engaged the enemy?" the voice asked.

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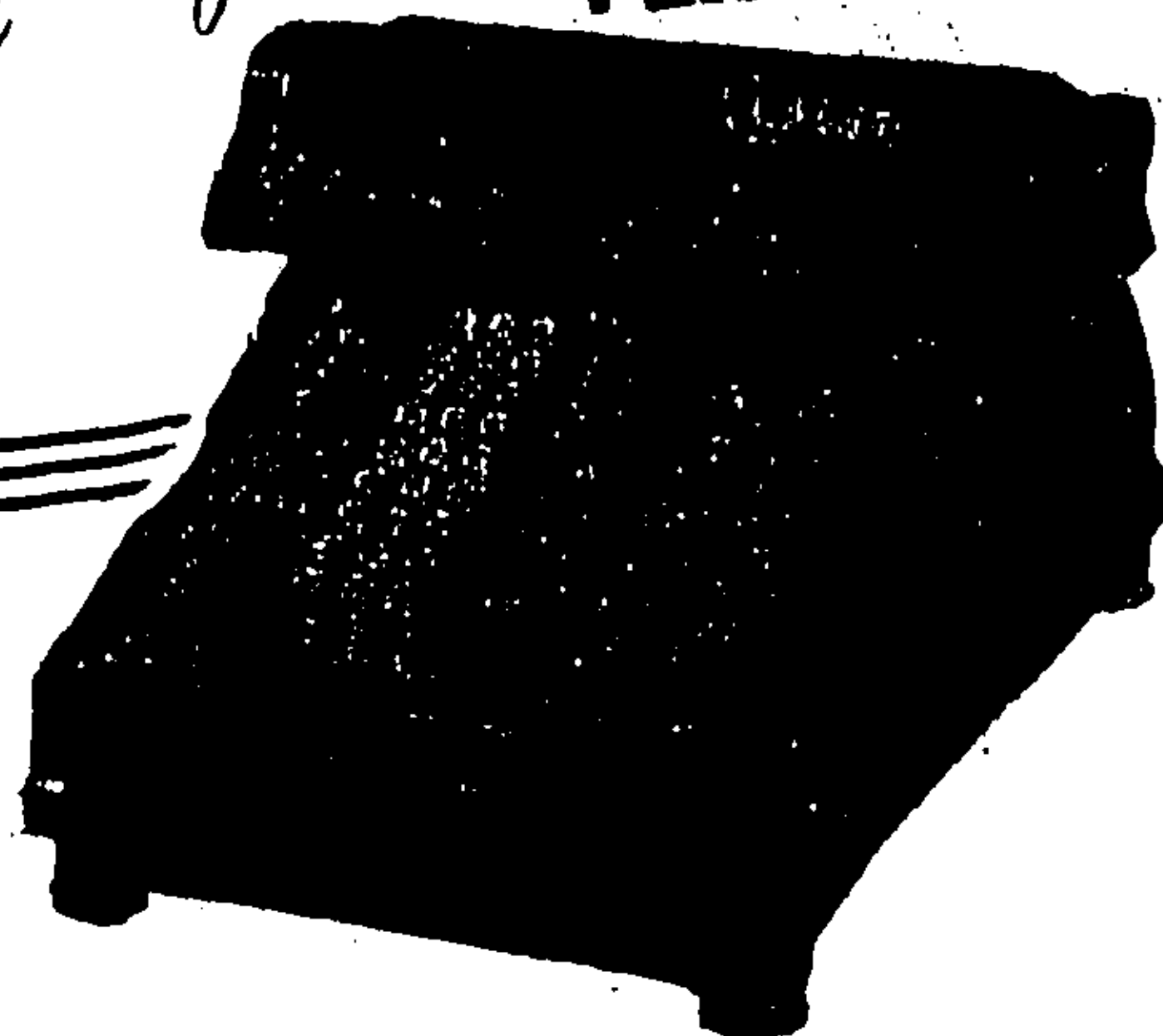
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FULL STORY OF ENGLAND'S HOUR OF CRISIS NOW TOLD

The fateful period was that between August 8 last year and October 31 and the full story amply corroborates Mr. Churchill's famous testimony to the Royal Air Force: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

In a few days, the southern towns of England and the capital of the Empire itself were, the Germans planned, to suffer the fate of Warsaw and Rotterdam and the war was to be ended.

Told Statistically

How the plan of daylight air conquest was frustrated and the enemy took to the cover of the night before throwing in the sponge is told statistically.

At the outset, the Germans sank five ships and damaged five more sailing in coastal convoys.

In London, they did considerable damage to the docks, to various famous buildings and they destroyed some thousands of houses.

Civilian Casualties

During the daylight phase of the blitzkrieg air offensive, they

DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON COAST

Some activity by enemy aircraft in the coastal regions during daylight yesterday is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Single aircraft in the morning dropped bombs in a south-east coast town.

Houses were damaged but nobody was killed or seriously injured.

In the early afternoon an aircraft dropped bombs in a south coast district, causing a number of casualties, including several killed, and damage to buildings.—
Reuter.

had "prepared the conquest of the last enemy, England." did its utmost and paid very heavily for the attempt.

In these 84 days, 2,375 German aircraft were destroyed in daylight. This figure takes no account of those destroyed at night-time or those seen, by the thousand, staggering back to their bases.

This victory was, however, not achieved without cost and it is now announced that the Royal Air Force lost 375 pilots killed and 358 wounded in the same period.—Reuter.

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JAPAN'S FIVE NEW DEMANDS ON INDO-CHINA

FRESH JAPANESE DEMANDS ON FRENCH INDO-CHINA ARE GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE OFFICIAL "CENTRAL DAILY NEWS" IN CHUNGKING.

The paper says Japan is demanding: First, that French Indo-China join the "East Asia sphere of mutual prosperity."

N.E.I. TRAINING AIRMEN

Since 1939 the Flying Clubs in Neth. Indies have been busy training sport flyers at a fee of 5 guilders per hour. These members, after having obtained their brevet, are enlisted in the Air Force Reserve and at regular intervals receive a short training with the Army on active service as second pilot, gunner, etc.

The Air Force Reserve already comprises some hundreds of members. It has been found, however, that a vast number of young men who would be a welcome addition to the Force, cannot join this valuable training because total costs approximating a hundred guilders prove to be beyond the financial capacity of many.

For this reason the Batavia Flying Club has established the "Vrijwillig Vlieger Corps" (Voluntary Flying Corps) for the purpose of training flyers, mechanics, marconists and ground crew without any expense to the trainees. In this way it is hoped to acquire a much greater number of trained men for the Air Force Reserve than seemed possible heretofore.

At the end of this year the Neth. Indies Air Force will have a number of planes running into four figures.

The Army is doing its utmost and daily training proceeds on every available air field. Thousands of men will be necessary to man this mighty fleet. The reserves, however, should be forthcoming from the civilians and thus the V.V.C. will be a sure step nearer to this purpose.

There is now a chance for every able bodied and healthy young man who could be trained in his spare time.

In this manner Neth. Indies strengthens herself for the defence of the Netherlands Flag in this territory, even though the mother country has been overrun by the Dictators.

U.S. BRASS HATS WATCH US FIGHT

The United States Government has a very good idea of how Britain is waging war against the Nazi.

The Army has sent twenty-six high ranking officers to Great Britain since last July to obtain data on weapons and technique of modern warfare, it is disclosed in Washington.

An official list shows that five generals, six colonels, ten majors and five captains, representing practically every branch of the Army, have been sent to Britain since July.

Returning air observers reported that the British gave them access to practically all material they sought.

Second, the signing of an Indo-China-Japan commercial treaty by which the import duty would be reduced on Japanese goods which would be given most-favoured nation treatment.

Third, Japan to be allowed to station 2,000 troops, and also warships, in Saigon Bay.

Fourth, forts in Camranh Bay to be leased to Japan for a period of 15 years.

Fifth, no restriction on the number of Japanese troops stationed in areas north of Haiphong.

Sixth, Japan to be allowed to develop waste land in Indo-China.

Thai Airfields

The Chinese daily also claims that Japan is demanding the use of air-fields in north-west Thailand.

Though Thailand declined to accept the demand, it is stated that one squadron of Japanese planes for a Thai air-field is taking off from Formosa. — Reuter.

USED TO RAID NOISE

Millions of Government-provided ear plugs are lying unused in A.R.P. posts.

In some districts wardens have issued ear plugs to the people in their areas, but most local authorities have decided it is not worth while handing them out to people who have long ago got used to the noise of air raids.

"Generally speaking, ear plugs are being issued only where people ask for them," it was stated at the Ministry of Home Security. "But most people want to hear what's going on, so that they can duck if they hear a bomb whistle."

WHITEHALL WASTERS

More effective machinery to stop victimisation, waste and dishonesty, in connection with Government contracts is advocated by Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P. for Chislehurst, Kent.

In a question to the Prime Minister he urges that as the Select Committee on National Expenditure have no authority to punish persons found guilty of acts of victimisation, waste and dishonesty, "such cases should be heard before a court of law or other tribunal."

DARLAN STORY IN ITS TRUE PERSPECTIVE

THE OFFICIAL, though unwilling disclosure in Vichy that the recent transfer of wheat from French occupied to the unoccupied zone — wheat released as "gift" by the Germans from supplies requisitioned in France — were part of a barter arrangement creates no surprise in London.

It has always been realised that any such transfer will, in accordance with Nazi economic policy, inevitably benefit Germany at the expense of plundered France.

The occupied zone, according to Vichy, is to send to the unoccupied zone 800,000 tons of wheat, 200,000 tons of sugar, 100,000 tons of bran, 300,000 tons of potatoes. In exchange, the unoccupied zone will send to the occupied zone, 190,000 head of cattle, 600,000 head of small livestock, 600,000 calves and hogs, 36,000 tons of table oil, 100,000 tons of salt, 60,000 tons of fresh vegetables, 8,000 tons of cheese and a large quantity of wine.

The hollowness of Admiral Darlan's pretensions when, on March 10, he announced that Germany had presented wheat to France and stated "You see the Germans are more generous than the English" is further illustrated by reliable information reaching London concerning the transport of goods over the French railways during the month ended January 15.

Figures Tell

The transport programme covers goods carried from the unoccupied as well as the occupied zone to Germany or other German occupied territory and includes large freights of material of which Germany stands in urgent need as well as those with which she has stated she is plentifully supplied.

In the former category are, for instance, 45,000 tons of lead, 17,250 tons of leather, 28,165 tons of slaughtered cattle (25,765 tons for the German army), 5,625 tons of cotton, 6,750 tons of whale oil.

In the latter category are 7,500 tons of bauxite, 9,300 tons of aluminium, 38,272 tons of flour and 75,000 tons of grain.

An interesting item is coffee of which 3,000 tons have been carried from unoccupied France to Central Germany.

It will be recalled that Ger-

many recently made great play of the presentation of 300 tons of "ersatz" coffee to France.

Such figures underline afresh the one-sided nature of "collaboration" forced on France by her Nazi masters.—British Wire- less.



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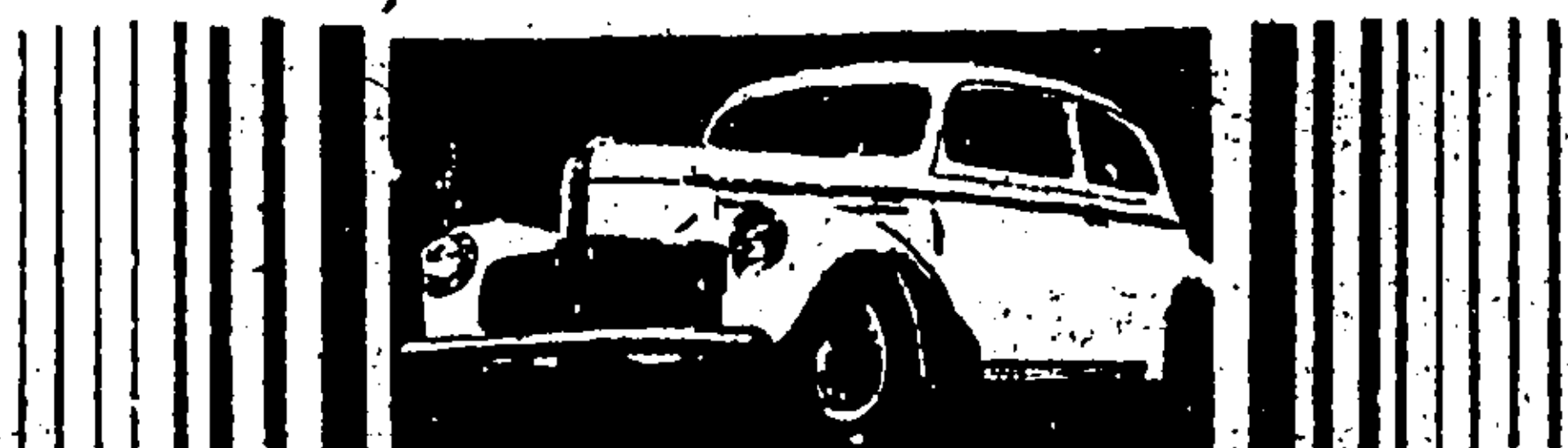
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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COOK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

FAILURE TO JUMP

By The Four Aces

"What error," asks a Hartford Conn., reader, "was committed in the bidding of this hand?"

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A K J 3
♥ 10 4
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ A 8 5

♠ Q 10 9
♥ 6 5
♦ 7
♣ K 7 3

♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ J 6 5 3
♦ 5
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ A K Q 8 3
♥ A Q 10 9 4
♦ 7 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ Dbl. Pass
2♦ Pass 2NT- Pass
3♦ Pass 3NT Pass
4♥ Pass 5♦ Pass

"Had the diamond finesse worked, South would have made a Grand Slam, and even though the finesse lost, he made a Small Slam. He maintains that failure to bid the Slam must be laid at North's door because North failed to realise the importance of the black Aces and strong diamond support. North maintains that South might have bid the same way if he had lacked both red Aces. Who is right?"

The error in the bidding must be charged to South. North's penalty double of one spade was perfectly proper, but South was justified in refusing to let it stand. South's bid of two diamonds, however, was not the best choice. Such a bid indicated a red two-suiter, with only a meagre amount of high-card strength. Because of that inference, it was never possible for North to bid a Slam.

South should have bid three diamonds to show that the hand was an excellent one despite the inability to "stand for" a double of one spade. Then North would have realised that his high cards in the black suits would guarantee South against loss except in the red suits (for South would be marked with at least ten red cards). And the jump bid would indicate the strength of the red suits; so North might explore Grand Slam possibilities but would make sure of getting to at least a Small Slam.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:



The woman who always has a "little something" ready more than crutches to help him on his way.

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 5
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:
Burnstone Schenken You Jacoby
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♣ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. You are strong enough to make a try for game and should suggest to your partner a choice between the major suits. The diamond weakness makes a rebid in no-trump unwise.

Score 100% for three hearts, 80% for three spades, 40% for two no-trump, 30% for four spades.

Question No. 676

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7
♥ 10 4
♦ K J 5
♣ A 10 6 3

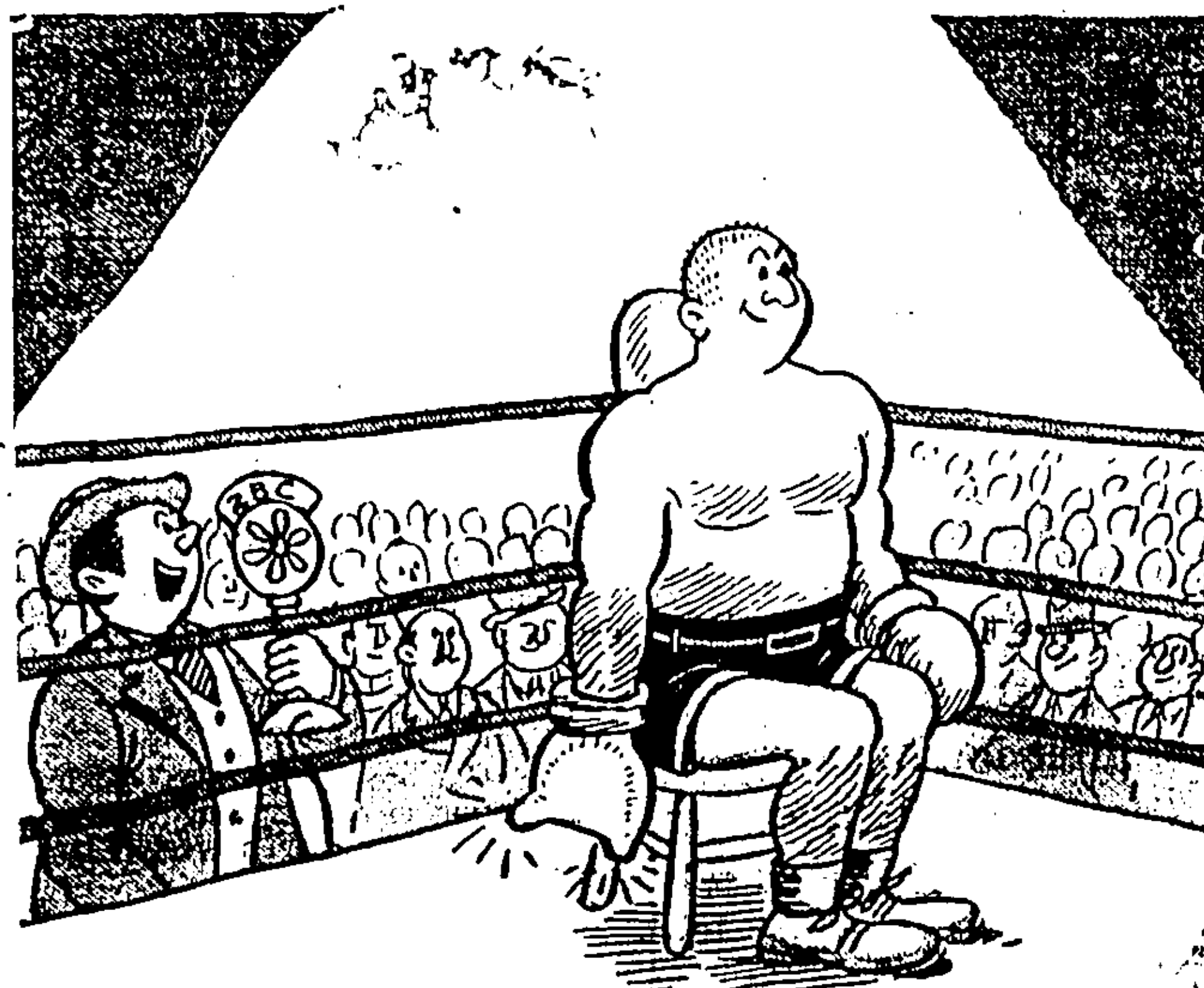
The bidding:
Schenken Maler You Jacoby
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♣ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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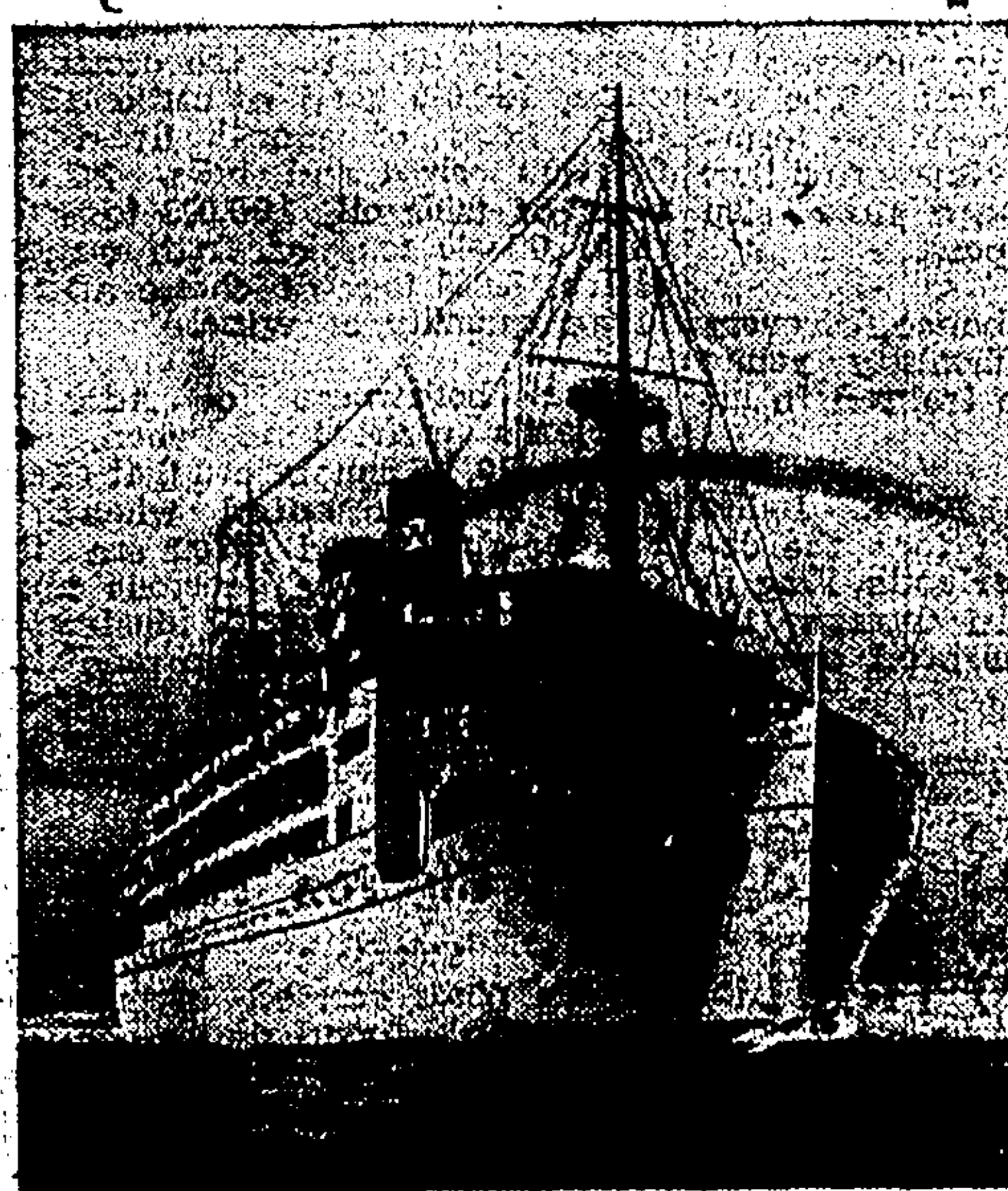
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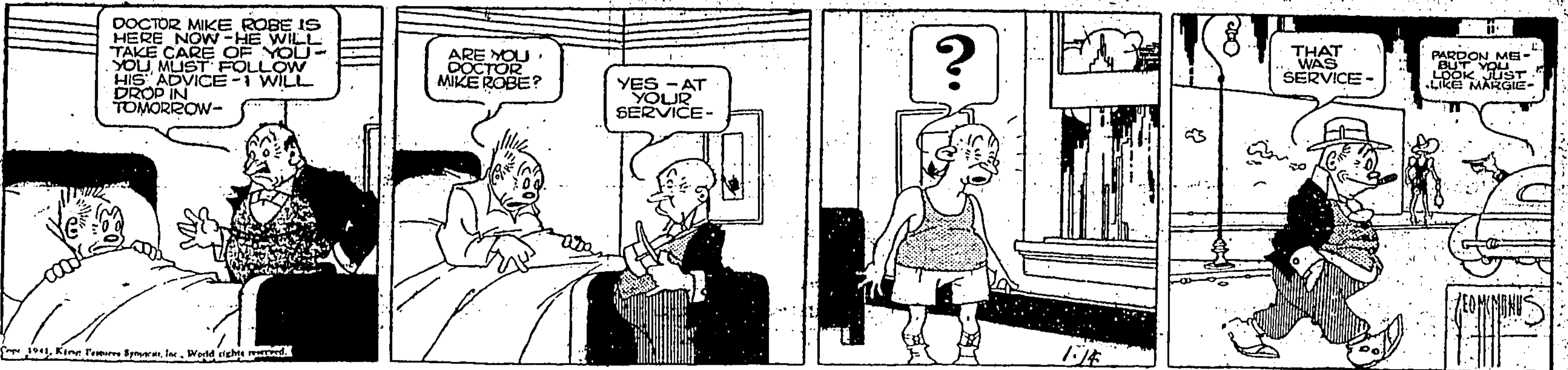
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Schumann—Fantasia in C Major, Op. 17.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Tony Martin (Vocal).

Wandering Gipsy (from 'Command Performance'). There's A Gold Mine in the Sky (Kenny).

Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Rhythm of the Waves (Stewart & Others); The Island of Maui Hula (Johnson & Noble); Tony Martin with Marnie Klein & His Swingin' Hulas.

The Whispering Waltz (Damerell, Evans); A Cafe in the Moonlight (Connelly).

Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal.

The Creaking Old Mill on the Creek (Rose & Others); Tony Martin with Orchestra 'Carry On' Melodies—Intro: Pack up your troubles; There's a long long trail; Take me back to dear old Blighty; It's a long way to Tipperary; Keep the home fires burning; Hello, hello, who's your lady friend?; Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—John Boss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea Shanties.

Blow the Man down; Tom's Gone to Hilo (arr. Terry); Agincourt: Here's a Health unto his Majesty; Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willan); Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry); Shenandoah (arr. Terry).

2.00 p.m.—Marcel Palotti at the Organ. Jan Kiepura Film Melodies. Intro: My Song for You; My Heart is Calling; I love them all; My Heart is Calling; Tell me To-night.

Musica Proibita (Castaldoni). La Danza (Rossini).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Waltzes—You Made Me Care; Roses are Blooming in Loveland... The Organ, The Dance Band and Mr. Swing Fox-Trots—Make Believe; I'll Always Be in Love With You... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—What Goes Up Must Come Down; Don't Worry 'Bout Me (both from 'Colton Club

Parade)...Gerald & His Orchestra. Tangles—Che Papusa Oll; Noche De Reyes...Gerald & His Gaucho Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Our Love...Jack Hyllton & His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

My Favourites Intro: The Man I Love; Margie; My heart stood still; Gulliver's Travels Selection.

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7.40 p.m.—Studio—Talk on the Rotary Flag Day by His Honour Sir Athol MacGregor.

7.45 p.m.—Student Songs.

Little Brown Jug; The Three Crows (Eastburn); The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W.H.M.).

Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus: My Old Shako (Baron & Trotter); Malcolm McEachern (Bass) with Piano, Clementine; Solomon Levi; There's A Tavern in the Town; John Peel.

Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—The King's Navee; Klon-dyke Kate; Jack Jackson & His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—If I Had A Million Dollars; Quickstep—All The Things You Are... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—A Motor Tour Through The Balkans—Talk by Mr. B. E. Sugars.

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EVE OF REASON FETCHES \$1500

Eve of Reason, a "B" Class China pony, belonging to the Eve stable, was sold for \$1,500 at the public roup of ponies held at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley, yesterday, the new owner being Mr. Richard Ho.

It is interesting to note that

since January 1, 1941, the pony in question has won \$525 in Stakes money.

The second highest price, \$1,000, was fetched by Buckfastleigh, a "D" Class Australian pony, which fell under the hammer to Mr. T. K. Li.

Many Withdrawn

Several ponies were withdrawn from the sale amongst them being Royal Sovereign (\$1,450), Galaxy

(\$1,000) and Pumpnickel (\$870). Following were the ponies put up for sale, with the names of the buyers given in brackets:—
Pumpnickel (Chan Hon), \$25; Night View (Ng Lam), \$18; Violeta (withdrawn); Attacking Time (withdrawn); Roybet (Ng Lam), \$15; Mauber (F. M. L. Soares), \$10; Wilber (V. V. Needa), \$23; Greiber (Larry Ko), \$105; Cocklerol (withdrawn at \$400); Luxury (C. C. Chan), \$350; The Tigress (M. Alarcon), \$70; Silver Spear (no bid); Advancing Time (withdrawn at \$140); Starlet (V. V. Needa), \$15; Standard Express (V. V. Needa), \$70; Australian Prince (Yue Shun-wah), \$340; Princess Adelaide (Li Chi-choh), \$450; Eve of Dancing (withdrawn at \$380); Eve of Hunting (withdrawn at \$370); Eve of Folly (withdrawn at \$370); Eve of

Reason (Kwok Hin-wang on behalf of Ajax (no bid); Beauford (S. W. Lee), Richard Ho), \$1,500; Eve of Rest (V. V. Needa), \$110; Eve of Illusion (V. V. Needa), \$75; China Pony Griffin (V. V. Needa), \$35; Well Done (V. V. Needa), \$10; Eve of Heaven (P. P. Botelho), \$70; Musketeer (withdrawn at \$370); Possible (W. A. Ingram), \$70; Silver Wings (V. V. Needa), \$10; Senorita (Colleen), \$315; Spring Time (F. E. d'Almada Remedios), \$205; This Time (withdrawn at \$165); Smiling Time (withdrawn at \$70); A Great Time (Garcia), \$15; Green Diamond (V. V. Needa), \$10; Golden Cow (F. M. L. Soares), \$10; Palmer (W. A. Ingram), \$35; Clree (withdrawn); Angel of Peace (R. H. Charles), \$65; Lucky Eleven (V. V. Needa), \$10; Zadderday (E. H. Baker), \$580; Bruno (Wong Tik-kwong), \$710; Catterick Bridge (withdrawn), \$1,000; Blue Gown (S. W. Lee), \$225; Gaspier (Ng Lam), \$15; Talkative (W. A. Ingram), \$15; Chatterbox (R. K. C. Chui), \$50; Pumpnickel (withdrawn at \$370); Infante (V. V. Needa), \$10; Tornado Star (T. K. Li), \$200; Harmony Star (withdrawn); Maple Star (Lo Kong-to), \$200; Rising Star (K. Kwok), \$50; Ruby Star (Garcia), \$110; Twilight Star (Garcia), \$65; Lovely Star (P. P. Botelho), \$60; Dawn Star (W. A. Ingram), \$60; Princess Claro (L. Reidy), \$125; Ascot Day (S. N. Pan), \$300; Annabella (withdrawn at \$420); Whampoa (Garcia), \$100; Bressay (withdrawn at \$55); Royal Sovereign (withdrawn at \$1,450); Violet Queen (V. V. Needa), \$10; Galaxy (withdrawn at \$1,000); Buckfastleigh (T. K. Li), \$1,000.

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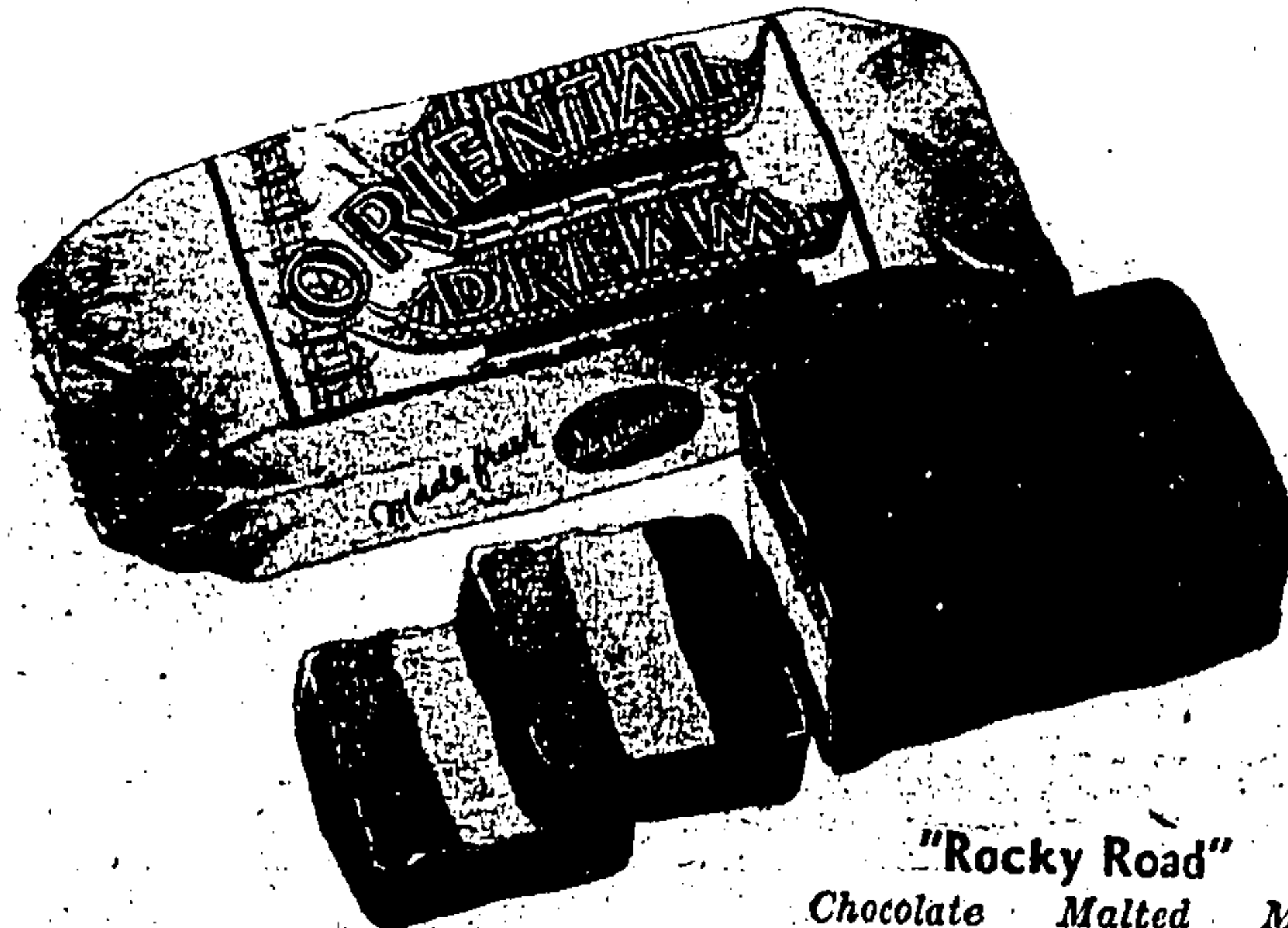
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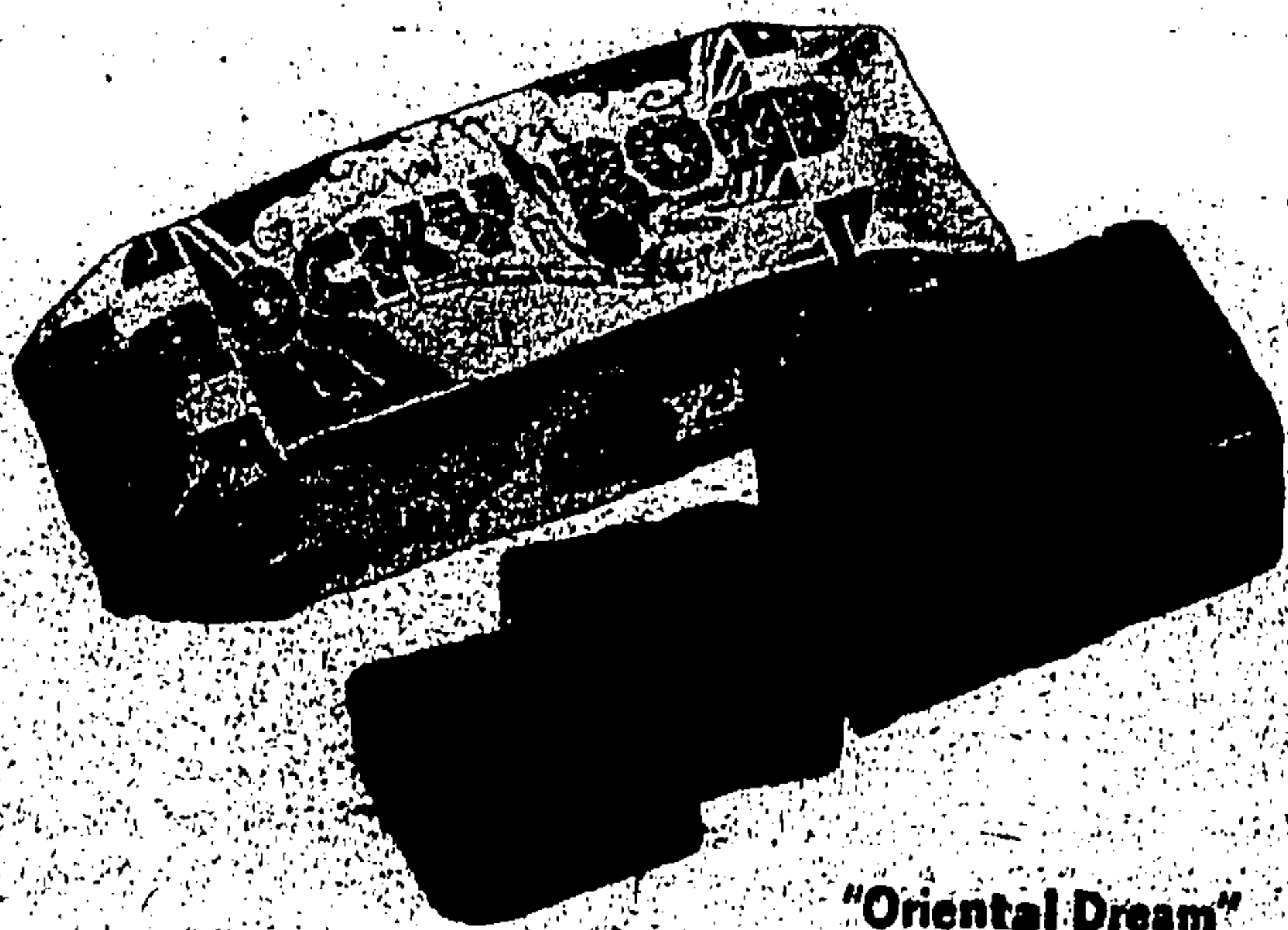
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By "Rapiet"

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING, TO BE HELD TO-MORROW, WILL MARK THE INTRODUCTION OF RACES IN WHICH THE NEW AND OLD PONIES WILL CLASH FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEY WILL BE RUNNING UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES, THUS AFFORDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUNTERS TO FORM THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS AS TO HOW WELL THE NEW ONES WILL FARE AGAINST THE OLD BRIGADE. KEEN COMPETITION SHOULD PREVAIL, AND WITH THE WEATHER REMAINING FINE, THE TRACK SHOULD ASSIST MATERIALLY IN THE MATTER OF FAST TIMES BEING RECORD-ED.

I expect to see another large gathering and an excellent afternoon's racing is promised. There are nine events on the programme, with two of them confined to Novice jockeys, the main event of the afternoon being the Stewards' Cup, which is confined to Australian Griffins of this season that I have not won more than \$5,000 in stakes.

China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$100 in stakes, are given an opportunity of doing so in the opening event. The Kongmun Plate over a mile, and eliminating the unlikely winners, I think the race should be decided between the following:

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei);
Odeon (Mr. Needa);
Lovely View (Mr. Pih); and
So Nice (Mr. S. W. Tang).
Iron Beauty which came in second to Charlesber in the Lotterers Stakes over six furlongs last Saturday should win but it will probably be extended by Odeon which will have the experienced handling of Mr. Needa.

Both Lovely View and So Nice were beaten by Iron Beauty and Odeon respectively at the previous meeting, but they fought gamely for the fourth position, and one of them should fill the third place to-morrow.

RACE NO. 2. FATSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION):
—FROM THE 1½ MILE POST
Novice jockeys will be given mounts in this sprint event on "C" Class, China ponies according to the new classification list: with a proviso that griffins of this season that have won \$1000 or less in stakes are barred.

Judging from past performances, Jennifer, which is a speedy animal, should prove the best over this short distance. Lancashire Lass (Mr. Chui) appears to be the one capable of extending Jennifer, but Blue Diamond (Mr. S. W. Lee) should have something to say at the finish. Eve of Peace, if taken out by Mr. Coppin, will probably extend the above ponies if the jockey can draw the weight of 142 lb, otherwise I cannot see it winning.

Joher (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) is another pony to watch as it is quite speedy over this distance.

RACE NO. 3. STEWARDS' CUP: —FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This is the main event of the afternoon, a handicap race for Australian ponies, griffins of this season with winners of \$5000 or more in stakes barred.

Oracle (Mr. Needa), winner of the Oakleigh Plate over the mile at the last meeting in record time, is the best bet here in view of its noted ability over longer distances.

There is, however, Colooma (Mr. Black), the conqueror of Oracle in the Austral Racing Stakes over 1½ miles, to be reckoned with as this pony is very fit at the moment, judging from its run in the Melbourne Cup (two miles) last Saturday, when it was ridden by Mr. P. P. Botelho, although it was unplaced.

Mr. Black adopts the same tactics as when he won the Austral Racing Stakes, Colooma may inflict another defeat on Oracle.

Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao), which was second to Oracle in another contest, and which has a 7-lb allowance from the above

two ponies, it should be very close here.

First Love (Mr. Liang), which came in third in the Austral Derby, should also be in the picture on the final run for home.

Gloaming (Mr. Poy), which won the Yarra Stakes from the 1½ miles post on the last day of the Annual Carnival, is not to be despised as the pony has improved considerably and may cause an upset when least expected.

My nomination is Oracle to win, Colooma second with Nomine Poenae third.

RACE NO. 4. BROKEN HILL HANDICAP: —FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This is the most difficult race to forecast, as it is confined to "A" Class, Australian ponies of the new and old brigade.

Sapper (Mr. Davis), the reigning Champion, is given top-weight of 159 lb, followed by United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), the undefeated race horse of this year and Distant View (Mr. Pih), the

best of this year's griffins, with 152 lb, each.

The finish should be fought out between these three ponies. Sapper has proved itself capable of carrying heavy weights, as evidence of which I need only refer to its easy win in the Coral Handicap over the mile, but can it give the above two ponies an allowance of 7 lb, and still beat them? I think so.

What United Express can do is well known and it will remain to be seen whether it can retain its unbeaten record to-morrow. Distant View with the shorter distance is quite capable of securing a runaway victory if it is given too much rope.

RACE NO. 5. HOBART HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): —SIX FURLONGS

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," confined to "B" Class, Australian ponies with griffins of this season that have won a race barred.

Conniebar (Mr. Chao) for its win in the Moonee Ponds Handicap (one mile) has been penalised by 1 lb, but I do not think the extra pound will hamper its chances of winning, especially with this field.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne), for its third placing behind the above pony, has had its weight reduced by 5 lb, and, given a good start, must be regarded as a potential winner. Then there is also Spring-

hurst (Mr. Poy), which ran unplaced against the above two ponies last Saturday, to be reckoned with as its weight is down by 7 lb, and over the shorter distance, it might easily redeem itself to-morrow.

In my opinion, Conniebar should win again, with Rowan second and Springhurst third.

RACE NO. 6. CANTON HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): —SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "B" Class China ponies and from the entries I expect one of the following to be the winner:

Charlesber (Mr. Chao);
Velvetlight (Mr. Wei); and
World Fair View (Mr. Pih).
Charlesber won the Lotterers Stakes over this distance at the last meeting carry 152 lb, in 1.24-4/5 and with another 10 lb. off to-morrow its chance of chalk-ing up another win is quite good.

The real danger, however, is Velvetlight, which has beaten Charlesber over longer distances during the Annual Race Meeting, but as it will be conceding 17 lb. to the above pony to-morrow, it will have to be at its best to win.

World Fair View is also treated lightly here, and as it is known to move fast over a short distance, it may turn out to be a real threat.

RACE NO. 7. HOBART HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): —SIX FURLONGS

Those who succeed in making the right choice in the first leg of the "Daily Double" should not experience much difficulty in making the correct connection in this race, which is confined to "B" Class, Australian ponies, barring winning griffins of this season.

It will be recalled that in the Moonee Ponds Handicap over a mile, Devonian (Mr. Black), although beaten, put up a good show against Conniebar. Despite a penalty of 10 lb., I am fully confident that Devonian will win to-morrow, thus scoring its first victory on behalf of Lady Northcote this year.

A Surprising Time (Mr. Hearne) should fill second place and Happy Returns (Mr. Chao) should account for the other minor position. As an outsider, I suggest Pumpernickel (Mr. S. W. Tang).

RACE NO. 8. FATSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): —FROM THE 1½ MILE POST

Second section of "C" Class,

China ponies, with griffins of this season that have won \$1000 or less in stakes barred, will figure in this race which will again be confined to Novice jockeys.

Judging from its third placing in the Jockey Cup on the fourth day of the Annual Race Meeting, Galveston Bay (Mr. W. Yui) should not find any difficulty in winning, but strong opposition should come from Advancing Time (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Emergency Unit (Mr. S. W. Lee), both of which can be depended upon to give it a good fight.

Rose Evelyn is not bad but so far I have not been able to ascertain who will be the jockey. It is good enough to win but I am afraid this pony is a very bad starter and in a short race like this it would be disastrous if it were left at the gate.

However, taking everything into consideration, I think Galveston Bay should win with Emergency Unit second and Advancing Time third.

RACE NO. 9. CANTON HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the final event of the day and is confined to second section of "B" Class, China ponies.

Looking over the entries I like the chances of Hughber (Mr. Chang) which has been penalised 10 lb. for its second placing to Hillsboro Bay in the Happy Valley Spring Handicap over the mile.

But there is its stablemate, Lilliber (Mr. Chao) to consider, for it only lost to Hughber by a head although it will be made to carry another 9 lb. to-morrow.

Avon (Mr. Black) is very dangerous with only 141 lb. to carry and it will not surprise me at all if it causes an upset here.

Humdrum Eve has now changed hands. It was formerly noted for its sprinting ability, but as it has not shown anything like its old form so far, I think we can leave it out.

Mr. Poy has the choice of either Ronson or Rose Emily and whichever one he decides to take out should be a menace to the above ponies as they are very lightly treated.

Galaxy (Mr. Chao) is another pony to watch as it is quite fit at the moment and although the distance may not suit it, it must not be disregarded.

My choice for the first three are Hughber, Lilliber and Avon.

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Following were the results of yesterday's matches in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament:

OPEN SINGLES

Paul Kong beat Fung Yee-pui, 6-1, 6-1.
I. M. A. Razack beat S. Y. Tong, 6-3, 6-1.
Pang Oi-lam beat R. E. Guest, 6-3, 6-1.

OPEN DOUBLES

George Choa and A. V. Remedios beat O. Umetani and T. Imura, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

F. W. Carter beat M. A. de Haan, 6-1, 6-0.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

A. K. Mackenzie beat H. E. Waller, 6-2, 6-1.

CLUB MIXED DOUBLES

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard beat F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell, 6-3, 6-3.
J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley beat E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle, 6-2, 6-1.

A more detailed report will appear in the final edition.

Next Week's Matches

Following is the programme for next week:

MONDAY

Open Singles
Pang Oi-lam v. S. T. Chau or Wei Chung (1); George Choa v. T. J. Gould (7); O. Umetani v. M. Pagh (8)

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5)

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxlade (6)

Club Handicap Doubles

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6); G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (-15) v. V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (-3/6) (4)

Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v. B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Smalley (-3/6)

TUESDAY

Open Singles
Tsui Wai-pui v. K. H. Yip (8); S. A. Rumjahn v. Lt. Shields-Goodman (5)

Club Handicap Singles

F. W. Carter (-1/6) v. V. R. Gordon (-3/6) (2); T. J. Gould (-15.2) v. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) or H. E. Waller (plus 3/6) (3); G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v. H. C. D. Knight (-2/6) (6)

Club Handicap Doubles

R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (-30) v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (-2/6) (4)

WEDNESDAY

Open Doubles
J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith or I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (5)

Club Championship

G. W. Sewell v. T. A. Pearce or C. H. R. Oxlade (2); T. J. Gould v. M. Pagh (6); R. E. Guest v. J. Stirling Lee (3)

Club Handicap Singles

T. C. Moriaghian (-3/6) v. A. T. Dow (-3/6) (1); S. E. Lavrov (plus 2/6) v. E. R. Childe (plus 1/6) (6); H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) v. H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) (7)

THURSDAY

Open Singles
Fung Yee-pui or Paul Kong v. Tsui Yan-pui (8)

KOWLOON MARATHON

The annual Kowloon Marathon Race over a course of 6 1/4 miles will be run this evening, starting at 5 p.m. sharp in Nathan Road outside St. Andrew's Church.

Pte. Manson (R. Scots) will start favourite as Pte. Corrigan (R. Scots), winner of the Marathon last year, has not entered.

The Entries

Following are the entries:—Sgt. Baker (Middlesex); Cpl. Hobson (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Anderson (Middlesex); Pte. Merton (Middlesex); Pte. Shaw (Middlesex); Pte. Sturgess (Middlesex); Pte. Mansfield (Middlesex); Pte. Caul (Middlesex); Pte. Hughes (Middlesex); Pte. Robertson (Middlesex); Pte. Nobel (Middlesex); Sgm. Harkinson (Signals); Sgm. Lewis (Signals); Sgm. Lithauer (Signals); Pte. Scott (Royal Scots); Pte. Mansen (Royal Scots); L. A. C. Moulton (R.A.F.); S. N. Johnny Aromin (Kowloon Docks); C. Truax (D.B.S.)

Club Handicap Doubles

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15.2) v. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (-30) or F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (-2/6) (2); D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (ser.) v. H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (-15) (4)

Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (-4/6) (3)

FRIDAY

Open Singles

C. S. Lee or A. Crawford v. George Choa or T. J. Gould (4); I. M. A. Razack v. S. Y. Tong v. S. A. Rumjahn or Lt. Shields-Goodman (5); O. Umetani or M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn (8)

Club Handicap Singles

V. R. Gordon (-3/6) or F. W. Carter (-1/6) v. R. E. Guest (15.1) (7); H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) or H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) v. G. W. Sewell (-4/6)

Handicap Mixed Doubles

E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (-2/6) or J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) v. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6) (2); T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (-15.2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) or F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (-1/6) (3)

Sappers Win Large Units Competition

Ratcliffe Scores 37 Out Of 61

Low-Scoring In Two-Day Match

A USEFUL LEAD ON THE FIRST INNINGS ENABLED ROYAL ENGINEERS TO BEAT COMBINED SMALL UNITS IN THE FINAL OF THE ARMY LARGE UNITS CRICKET COMPETITION, BY THE COMFORTABLE MARGIN OF 65 RUNS.

The match started on Wednesday and at the beginning of play yesterday Combined Small Units were 130 runs behind with eight of their first-innings wickets in hand.

Few further runs were added, and the side were all out for 65, Coombes being the only double-figure scorer.

In their second knock, Sappers made 64, Ratcliffe being mainly responsible with 37, scored out of

or H. C. D. Knight (-2/6) (6).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

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61, and then dismissed their opponents for 79, Coombes again offering resistance and receiving some support from Logan.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

First Innings	Second Innings
Tropp, st. Hamlen, b. Murphy	7
Pelham, b. Dewar	1
Ratcliffe, b. Murphy	37
Megson, c. Dixon, b. Dewar	2
Shaw, c. Dewar, b. Murphy	2
Bailey, st. Hamlen, b. Dewar	4
Freeman, b. Dewar	0
Denyer, c. Webb, b. Murphy	3
Samways, c. Boocock, b. Dixon	2
Holliday, st. Hamlen, b. Dewar	0
Goss, not out	0
Total	64

Bowling Analysis

O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	8	2	22
Dixon	5.3	0	12
Murphy	0	30	4

COMBINED SMALL UNITS

First Innings	Second Innings
Logan, c. Tropp, b. Megson	8
Webb, l.b.w., b. Tropp	2
Stoner, l.b.w., b. Denyer	1
Hamlen, b. Denyer	0
Coombes, c. Bailey, b. Tropp	23
Murphy, b. Denyer	6
Gardner, b. Denyer	3
Swyer, b. Tropp	0
Boocock, c. Samways, b. Megson	5
Dewar, c. Pelham, b. Denyer	2
Dixon, not out	2
Extras (B11)	11
Total	65

Bowling Analysis

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Megson	14	9	19	2
Tropp	11	4	14	3
Denyer	9.1	4	20	5
Holliday	1	0	1	0
Second Innings				
Coombes, c Tropp, b Megson				19
Webb, c Bailey, b Megson				3
Logan, c Tropp, b Megson				24
Dixon, b Dixon				1
Dewar, c Samways, b Megson				4
Murphy, b Megson				7
Hamlen, c Shaw, b Megson				5
Gardner, b Denyer				1
Stoner, not out				7
Boocock, b Megson				3
Swyer, c Ratcliffe, b Megson				0
Extras (B4, LB1)				

Bowling Analysis

O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	4	0	21
Megson	6.7	0	23
Denyer	3	0	28

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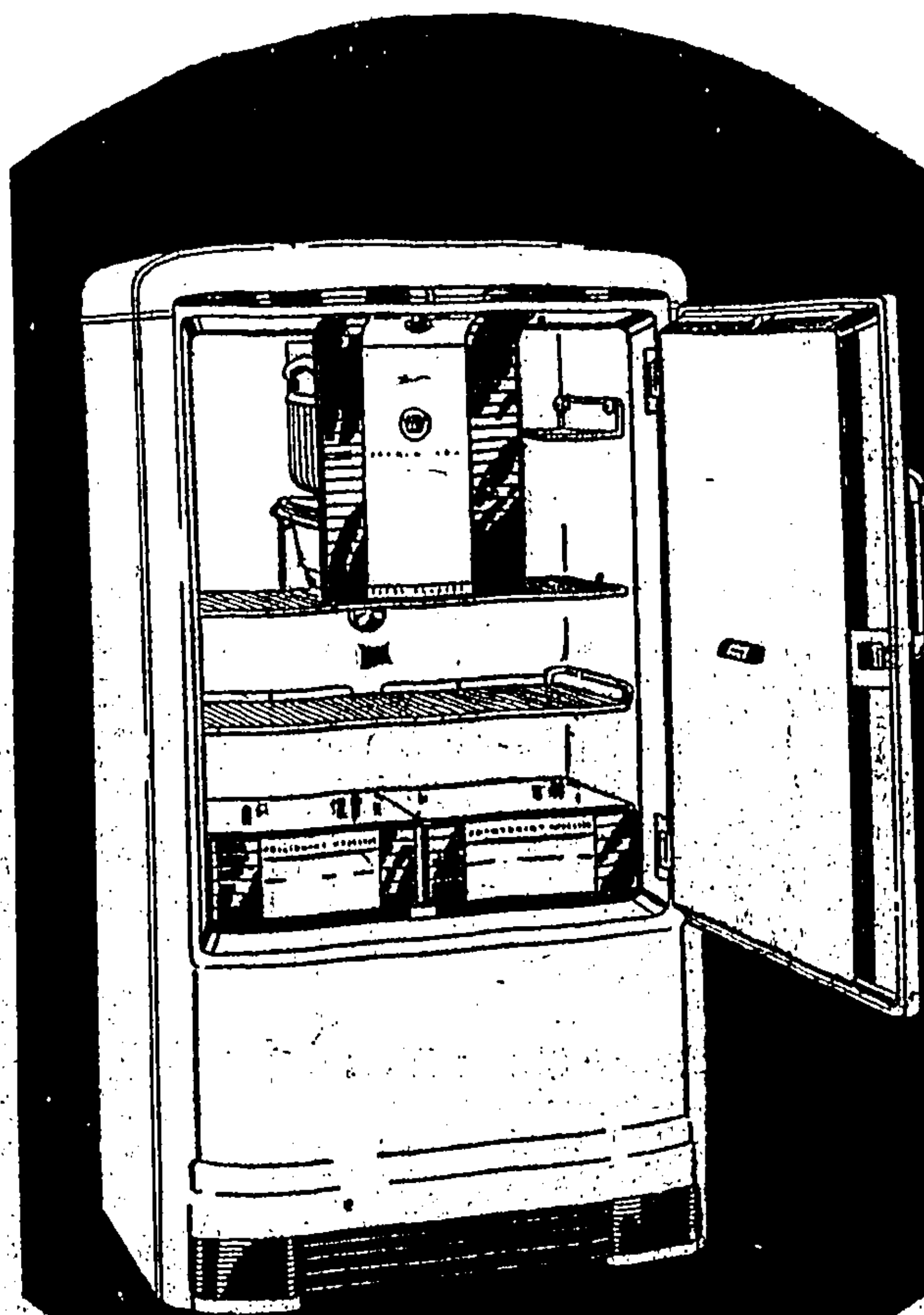


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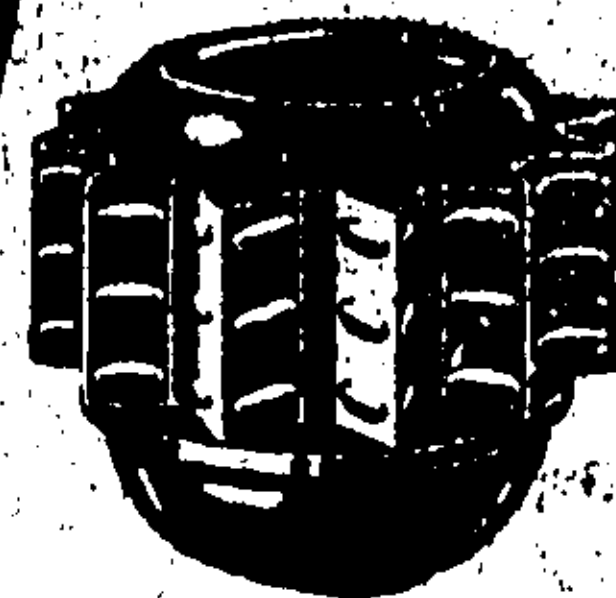
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KEREN AND HARRAR CAPTURED

Italy's Last Stronghold In Africa Falls Two Dramatic Successes Herald End Of Campaign

TWO TREMENDOUS NEW SUCCESSES BY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL ARMIES IN AFRICA WERE ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

The first is the capture of the mountain fortress of Keren, in Eritrea, which has been beleaguered for the past seven weeks and the fall of which no doubt seals the fate of Eritrea, if not also Abyssinia.

Hotfooted on this news comes second news — the capture of Harrar, second largest town in Abyssinia.

While part of the Imperial army was sweeping up to grab Mussolini's eagle nest in Eritrea, another force was rushing forward with typical Wavell blitz speed into the heart of Abyssinia.

Only a few days ago fighting was still taking place at Marda Pass, which barred the route to Harrar. To-day this town is in British hands.

One more prize remains to be taken before Il Duce disappears from East Africa for good—Addis Ababa, on which British columns are advancing from all directions.

Tough Obstacle

The capture of Keren and Harrar was announced in a communique saying: "Eritrea —

after heavy fighting for nearly a fortnight under the most difficult physical conditions of climate and country, British and Indian troops, admirably supported by the R.A.F., again defeated a numerically superior enemy force and occupied Keren.

"Abyssinia—Harrar is in our hands."

With the fall of Keren the headquarters of Mussolini's oldest colony is in British hands.

The British forces have found this mountain fortress one of the toughest obstacles in the whole campaign against Italy's

East African Empire. It was the last barrier to the key base of Asmara, the Eritrean capital, 75 miles along the railway to the east, and of Massawa, valuable Eritrean port.

Only Stand

It has been the only vital Italian position to make any prolonged stand against the swift hammer-like blows of the British and Imperial forces in Africa.

For weeks the armies of the Sudan have prepared, waiting on the last stretch of the Eritrean plain with an apparently unsurmountable obstacle before them.

A ridge of solid rock 1,000 feet high confronted them—a ridge whose sheer-faced precipices offered magnificent defence positions and were crowned by a series of arrow-head peaks.

IT IS AGAINST THIS FORMIDABLE FASHIONED BUTTRESS OF ROCK THAT THE EMPIRE FORCES HAVE STRUCK ONE OF THEIR MOST RESOUNDING BLOWS AS MILITARY EXPERTS RECOGNISED THE PLACE AS ONE OF THE MOST NATURALLY IMPREGNABLE FORTRESSES OF THE WAR. — REUTER.

Every Summit

Italy's most formidable ordnance guarded every summit, machine-gun nests abounded and strong points were cunningly arranged.

The military spokesman in Cairo said last night that one-third of the forces in Mussolini's East African Empire consisting of some 60,000 to 70,000 troops—were estimated to be defending Keren.

Their defeat might well lead to a general crumbling of the forces at the disposal of the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia.

Tremendous Blow

The fall of Keren, the spokesman added, would be a tremendous blow to Italian morale and prestige.

It would be possible to defend equally formidable peaks every five miles between Keren and Addis Ababa, but this was unlikely since Keren had been Italy's military show-place.

HOPES ARE NOW RUNNING HIGH IN CAIRO THAT MUSSOLINI'S BATTERED ARMIES WILL BE UNABLE TO HOLD OUT UNTIL THE RAINS. — REUTER.

Brigade H.Q. Taken

Before the fall of Keren, our troops beat off several counter-attacks and captured a number of prisoners, including a complete Brigade Headquarters.

Enemy casualties during the last forty-eight hours were heavier than before.

In Abyssinia, African and Belgian troops, in cooperation, have captured Gambela, thus clearing the Baro salient (Western Abyssinia), of enemy forces.

In Southern Abyssinia, our pursuit of the retreating Italian forces is continuing in all sectors. — British Wireless.

GAS WAR WOULD BRING REPRISALS

The British Government is taking steps to ensure that the whole population is in a full state of preparedness against gas attacks.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, assured the Commons yesterday that Britain will in no circumstances be the first to use gas but the Germans' record showed they would stop at nothing.

In reply to a question whether

WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM SWEEPS THE BALKANS

(Continued from Page 1)

Political circles in Washington are of opinion that the Russian support of Turkey, plus the Yugoslav revolt, will, with the fighting spirit of the Greek and British troops in the Balkans, present an array of strength in the Balkans formidable enough to make Hitler pause before launching a large-scale offensive.

In addition, the change in the Yugoslav situation will prove a fatal blow to the Italian forces in Albania!—Reuter.

that statement meant Britain would retaliate if the enemy used it first, Mr. Morrison invited the House to draw their own conclusions from his words.—Reuter.

PROMINENT ROLE OF R.A.F. IN KEREN'S FALL

THE PROMINENT PART played by R.A.F. and South African aircraft in the capture of Keren is described in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

After remarking that the fall of the stronghold followed "some of the fiercest enemy opposition encountered in the East African campaign," the communique says that during the past week enemy positions in the hills around this Italian stronghold had been heavily and persistently bombed.

Nearly 40 tons of bombs were dropped in this area during the last four days and more than 120 in the last 12 days.

Our aircraft have been over the target most of these days from morning till night.

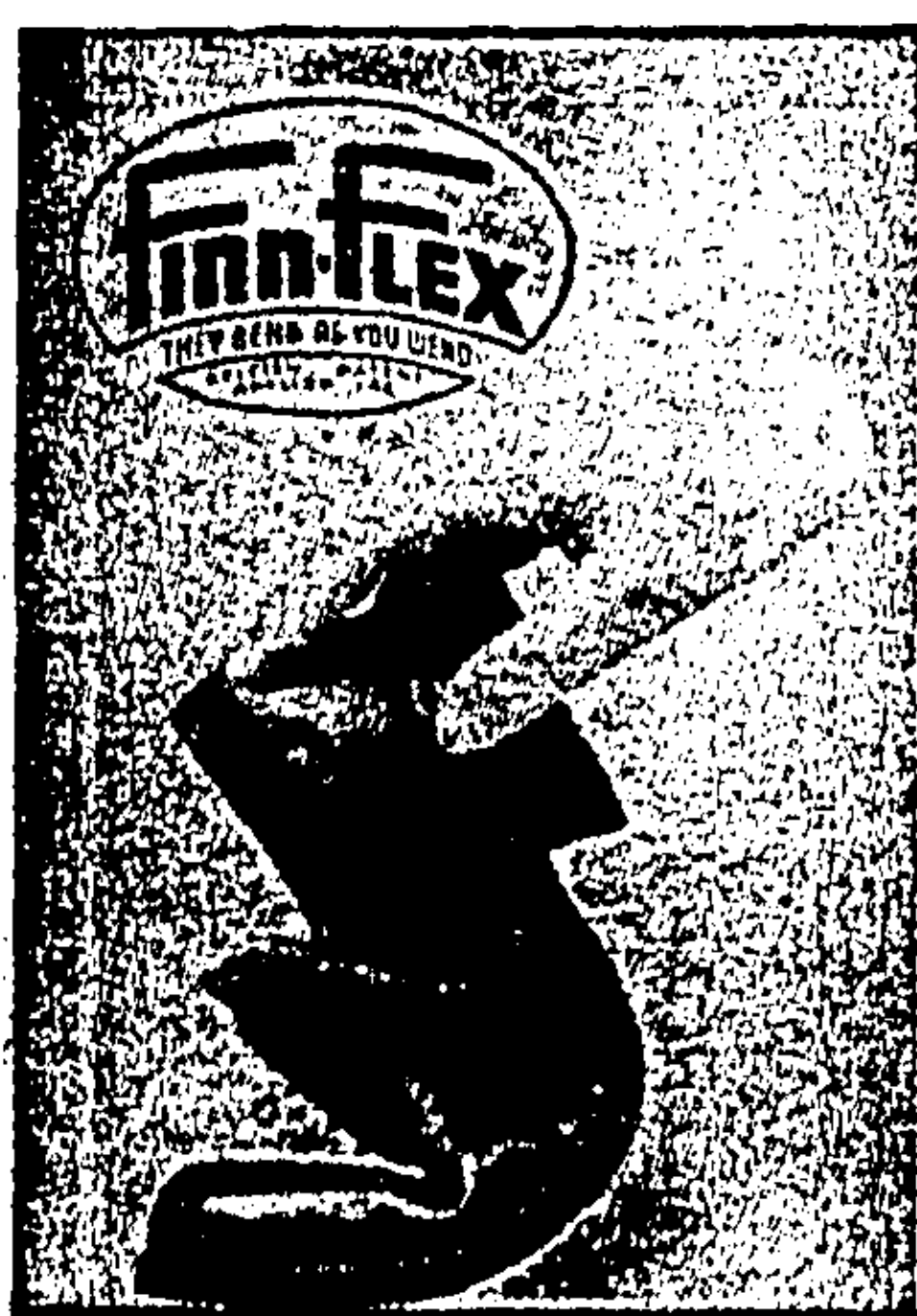
Fighter aircraft of the South African Air Force have also been active in the area and on Wednesday, not many hours before the town fell, two of

them engaged and destroyed two Fiat fighters.

The Air Force's contribution to the successful operations against Keren is remarkable in view of the difficult flying conditions. The town itself is surrounded by tiers of mountains between 6,000 and 7,000 feet high and it was amongst these that our aircraft had to seek out and destroy enemy positions.—Reuter.

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ITALIAN COLLAPSE EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The British capture of Harrar and Keren indicates the early collapse of the whole of Italian East Africa.

Italian control of Eritrea is held in Cairo to be impossible with Keren gone, and Harrar gives a grip on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway.

British officials in Cairo said that the troops attacking Keren hurled themselves against the heaviest Italian guns, mounted on the summits of 4,000-foot hills surrounding the town.

British tanks tried to attack but Italian sappers destroyed the highway, forcing them to storm the cliffs in the face of unrelenting fire from the well-entrenched Italians.—International News Service.

RUSSIA ASSENTS TO ROYAL NAVY IN BLACK SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reliably learned in Vichy yesterday that the recent Russo-Turkish Agreement provides that the Black Sea will be open to the British Fleet and that Russian troops will be removed 100 kilometres from the Turkish frontier.

Russia will also supply provisions of all kinds if Turkey is attacked.—International News Service.

Country Getting Prepared For All Emergencies

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"YESTERDAY'S SHAME HAS BEEN EXPIATED. WE MUST, IF NECESSARY FIGHT AND DIE FOR OUR FREEDOM JUST LIKE MANY MILLIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES."

These dramatic phrases were contained in a broadcast to the people of Yugoslavia last night by the Patriarch Gavril, of the Orthodox Church, the Primate of Yugoslavia, and every word was greeted with enthusiasm in the streets and homes of listeners throughout the country.

Latest reports from the I.N.S. correspondent in Belgrade indicate that King Peter II's coup d'etat has succeeded completely and that he has won the whole country over to his side.

His grip on the reins is firm, with the full backing of the Army and joyous demonstrations showing that the whole people will unite behind him if war comes.

One of the first Royal Manifestoes issued calls upon all citizens with motor vehicles, motor-cycles and bicycles, to report immediately to military centres with their vehicles.

War Precautions

Military preparations have been speeded up in all fields, and thousands of messages of loyalty are flowing into the White Palace.

Some reports on the developments state that the Regent, Prince Paul, has fled to Greece, but others state that he was arrested at the same time as the ex-Premier, Cavetkovitch, and the foreign Minister, Cincar-Marcovitch.

The new Cabinet is composed of statesmen who at least previously were friendly to Britain.

The King's Proclamation read: "SERBS, CROATS, SLOVENES. AT THIS MOMENT, SO GRAVE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE, I HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE THE ROYAL POWERS INTO MY OWN HANDS. MY LOYAL ARMY AND NAVY HAVE AT ONCE PLACED THEMSELVES AT MY DISPOSAL AND THEY ARE ALREADY CARRYING OUT MY ORDERS."

Plebiscite Planned

The King placed in control of the country, with full military powers, the Chief of Staff, General Dusan Simovitch, whose first act was to declare the King to be officially of age, and to plan a plebiscite to determine whether to cancel the Axis Pact.

Meanwhile, in Belgrade, throngs of people have been marching round the Palace full of good spirits as the result of the coup, but demanding "Punishment for the Traitors" who signed the Pact.

There were demonstrations of good will outside the British, (Continued on Page 24)

PATROL SHIP FIRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
NINETEEN MEN PERISHED WHEN A CANADIAN PATROL SHIP CAUGHT FIRE OFF HALIFAX, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM MONTREAL.

It is stated that among the victims were two officers. Twenty-two of the crew were rescued.

The vessel was originally a luxury yacht and was converted into a man-of-war at the outbreak of the war.—International News Service.

10,000 MORE 'PLANES FOR BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
President Roosevelt's signature of the Lease and Lend Bill took place on board the U.S.S. Denson yesterday.

In addition to those already ordered, the appropriation is expected to provide Britain with 10,700 'planes and 400 freighters.—International News Service.

MR. CHURCHILL PREDICTS PACT REPUDIATION

THE PRIME MINISTER has taken the earliest possible opportunity of announcing that Britain will recognise the new Government in Yugoslavia which, as the result of the dramatic coup d'etat effected without bloodshed, was yesterday morning installed in office in Belgrade under King Peter after both the Regency Council and the Cabinet had resigned.

Mr. Churchill was fulfilling his second important speaking engagement of the day at a luncheon of welcome by employers and workers organisations to the new United States Ambassador.

After referring to the fact that his Government rests, as one of its main sources of strength, upon the trade union organisation of the country, Mr. Churchill referred to the "good news" regarding the latest development in the political situation in the Balkans.

He said: "It was breaking all our hearts to see the gallant Serbian and Yugoslav people signing away their souls over the counter by weak and cowardly rulers, to those who, once they had them in their grip, would have shaken the life and independence out of them."

Reasonable Expectation

"I rejoiced when I heard just an hour before this luncheon that revolution had taken place in Belgrade and that the Ministers who signed this pact had been arrested."

"Though I do not know what will happen, and one cannot be sure of anything, I believe that it is reasonable to expect we shall

have a Government in Yugoslavia which will repudiate the pact signed the day before yesterday and will be ready to defend its honour and the frontiers of Yugoslavia against aggression.

If that be so, Britain will recognise that Government. Great Britain will give all aid in her power to those who are defending their native land—to the heroic Greeks and Turks if they are attacked.

We are not so strong as we shall be when our plants have delivered their fruits, and great factories have produced the weapons. But still, we are getting stronger every day.—British Wireless.

BRITISH NAVY UNITS IN AEGEAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITISH NAVAL UNITS HAVE ARRIVED OFF THE DARDANELLES ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM BUDAPEST. THIS NEWS COINCIDES WITH THE RUSSO-TURKISH DECLARATION TWO DAYS AGO.

The British fleet is stated to be steaming eastwards after having conveyed further troop transports to Greece.

It is stated that British troops now in Greece already total 120,000 men, but it is pointed out that these figures are given from a Nazi-controlled country.—International News Service.

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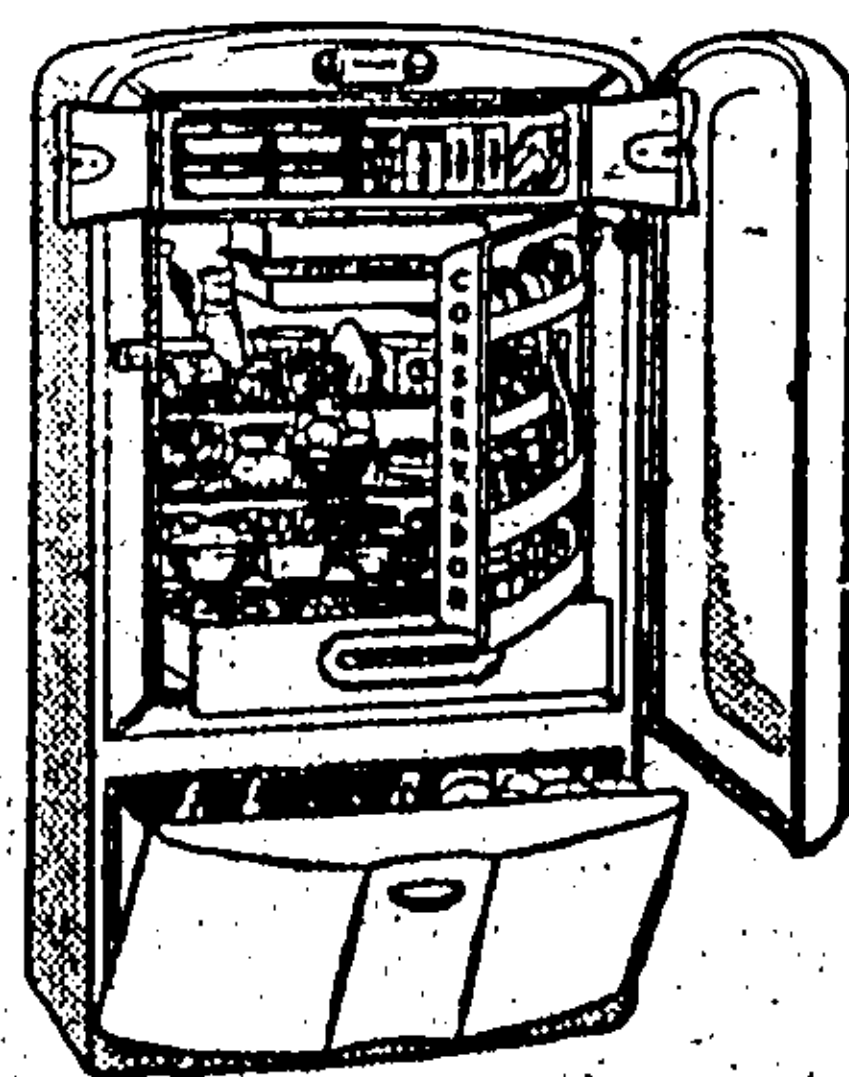
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Young King Peter's Coup In Mind For Several Days

U.S. PLEDGE TO BELGRADE

The United States has promised Yugoslavia full aid if she is forced to resist aggression.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, announced at his press conference in Washington yesterday that the United States Minister in Belgrade had been instructed to inform the Yugoslav Government that the change of power in Yugoslavia is widely welcomed in the United States as a matter of self-congratulation to every liberty-loving man and woman, and that in accordance with the Lend and Lease Act, President Roosevelt is able, in the interest of the national defence of the United States, to render effective material assistance to nations seeking to preserve their independence and integrity against aggression.

Mr. Welles also indicated that Yugoslav assets in the United States, which were frozen this week, might be released. — Reuter

TWO WOMEN FINED

Two Chinese women appeared before Commander J. Jolly this morning at the Marine Court charged with boarding a ship in harbour without permission of the master.

Both pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 or seven days' imprisonment.

REVELATION OF LETTER TO LONDON

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE MANLY AND COURAGEOUS ROLE PLAYED BY THE BOY KING PETER OF YUGOSLAVIA HAS CAUSED FIERCE PRIDE BUT NOT SURPRISE AMONG THOSE IN LONDON WHO KNOW HIM BEST.

Although kept in the shadow by the Regent, Prince Paul, and a group of pro-Axis politicians, the youthful monarch watched events silently.

WASHINGTON NOT SURPRISED

News of the revolution in Yugoslavia was not entirely unexpected by official circles in Washington, in view of recent reports of anti-Axis sentiment.

While it is denied that the United States Administration has done anything in the nature of advising Belgrade, the United States undoubtedly placed clearly before the Belgrade Government in recent days the benefits of British and American aid which would accrue to Yugoslavia if she resisted the Axis. — Reuter.

Mr. H. Overy, of No. 3, Minden Avenue, has reported the theft of \$32.50, from his residence, yesterday afternoon.

He has not been a puppet in the recent dramatic events but has been quietly awaiting his hour.

The last diplomatic bag to reach London from Belgrade arrived four weeks ago and contained a letter from King Peter to one of his most intimate confidants in London.

IT MAY NOW BE REVEALED THAT IN THE LETTER KING PETER WROTE: "I AM WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN YUGOSLAVIA WILL DECIDE AGAINST THE NAZIS SO THAT I CAN TAKE CHARGE OF THE ARMY."

With less than a month the boy King's ambition has been fulfilled. — Reuter.

KEROSENE JUNK OFFENCE

For anchoring his junk at Cheungshawan Bay, which is not a dangerous goods anchorage, while having 1,500 tins of kerosene on board yesterday, Ng Leung-wing, 36, was fined \$75 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

MATSUOKA RECEIVES ITALIAN ENVOY

Mr. Matsuoka received the Italian Ambassador to Germany yesterday. They had "a long and cordial conversation," according to Rome radio, says Reuter.

HITLER'S BIRD OF ILL-OMEN

MUCH SIGNIFICANCE IS ATTACHED TO THE COUP D'ETAT IN YUGOSLAVIA FOLLOWING FAST UPON MR. MATSUOKA'S ARRIVAL IN BERLIN, BY CHINESE AND BRITISH CIRCLES IN LONDON.

Firstly, it is considered that Mr. Matsuoka is Hitler's bird of ill omen.

Secondly, it is significant that for the first time within a victim country, the Fifth Column has not worked for the Axis Powers, but against them.

Consequently, it is pointed out, Mr. Matsuoka has witnessed for himself a phenomenon, the implications of which he should try to understand. — Central News.

THEFT OF COAT

Miss B. M. Bisheno, of St. Paul's College Hostel, has reported the theft of an overcoat, valued at \$100 from her residence yesterday.

BERLIN'S STIFF UPPER LIP

The Axis is significantly silent on yesterday's developments in Yugoslavia.

Competent circles in Berlin stated that up to midday they had received "no authentic information in regard to events in Belgrade," states the official German news agency, and therefore official and semi-official circles in Berlin refrain from taking up any attitude in the matter.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL QUARTERS LIKEWISE DECLINE TO EXPRESS ANY VIEW CONCERNING THE BELGRADE EVENTS, ACCORDING TO WIRELESS REPORTS FROM ROME.

No telephone message has been received in Rome from the Italian Legation in Belgrade, it was added. — Reuter.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Wong Fuk, 25, was fined \$200 or three months' by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for conspiracy to obtain money by false pretences.

According to Sgt. McLeod, defendant, with another Chinese, went to No. 123, Second Street, ground floor, and asked for tea money, pretending he was a sanitary coolie. Unfortunately, a man working in the Sanitary Department was living on the premises, and defendant was apprehended.

COUP'S PROFOUND EFFECT ON MILITARY POSITION

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE REVOLT OF THE Yugoslav people and armed forces under their young King against Nazi domination and their own Quislings will have a profound effect on the military situation.

The Nazi forces cannot use Yugoslavia as a base for attacking Greece down the Varda Valley and this passage is now denied them unless they are prepared to fight for it.

The fighting will be severe and German casualties will be heavy if they attempt force. The troops they will have to meet and defeat are brave, the country is most difficult, lending itself extremely favourably to defensive operations.

The situation which the Nazi General Staff now have to deal with is either to carry through an attack on a very restricted front against Greece down the Struma Valley, with a subsidiary advance — perhaps

down the Mesta Valley, or bring up considerably larger forces for a simultaneous attack on Yugoslavia as well.

Hitler Checked

This would put a considerable increased strain on German resources, and moreover there is no certainty of success.

First result of the new situation in Yugoslavia will probably be to delay for several weeks at least any German move in the Balkans. — Reuter.

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KEREN AND HARRAR CAPTURED

Italy's Last Stronghold In Africa Falls

Two Dramatic Successes Herald End Of Campaign

TWO TREMENDOUS NEW SUCCESSES BY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL ARMIES IN AFRICA WERE ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

The first is the capture of the mountain fortress of Keren, in Eritrea, which has been beleaguered for the past seven weeks and the fall of which no doubt seals the fate of Eritrea, if not also Abyssinia.

Hotfooted on this news comes second news — the capture of Harrar, second largest town in Abyssinia.

While part of the Imperial army was sweeping up to grab Mussolini's eagle nest in Eritrea, another force was rushing forward with typical Wavell blitz speed into the heart of Abyssinia.

Only a few days ago fighting was still taking place at Marda Pass, which barred the route to Harrar. To-day this town is in British hands.

One more prize remains to be taken before the Duke disappears from East Africa for good—Addis Ababa, on which British columns are advancing from all directions.

Tough Obstacle

The capture of Keren and Harrar was announced in a communique saying: "Eritrea — after heavy fighting for nearly a fortnight under the most difficult physical conditions of climate and country, British and Indian troops, admirably supported by the R.A.F., again defeated a numerically superior enemy force and occupied Keren."

"Abyssinia—Harrar is in our hands."

With the fall of Keren the headquarters of Mussolini's oldest colony is in British hands.

The British forces have found this mountain fortress one of the toughest obstacles in the whole campaign against Italy's East African Empire.

It was the last barrier to the key base of Asmara, the Eritrean capital, 75 miles along the railway to the east, and of Massawa, valuable Eritrean port.

Only Stand

It has been the only vital Italian position to make any prolonged stand against the swift hammer-like blows of the British and Imperial forces in Africa.

For weeks the armies of the Sudan have prepared, waiting on the last stretch of the Eritrean plain with an apparently unsurmountable obstacle before them.

A ridge of solid rock 1,000 feet high confronted them—a ridge whose sheer-faced precipices offered magnificent defence positions and were crowned by a series of arrow-head peaks.

IT IS AGAINST THIS FORMIDABLE FASHIONED BUTTRESS OF ROCK THAT THE EMPIRE FORCES HAVE STRUCK ONE OF THEIR MOST RESOUNDING BLOWS AS MILITARY EXPERTS RECOGNISED THE PLACE AS ONE OF THE MOST NATURALLY IMPREGNABLE FORTRESSES OF THE WAR. — REUTER.

Every Summit

Italy's most formidable ordnance guarded every summit, machine-gun nests abounded and strong points were cunningly arranged.

The military spokesman in Cairo said last night that one-third of the forces in Mussolini's East African Empire consisting of some 60,000 to 70,000 troops—were estimated to be defending Keren.

Their defeat might well lead to a general crumbling of the forces at the disposal of the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia.

Tremendous Blow

The fall of Keren, the spokesman added, would be a tremendous blow to Italian morale and prestige.

It would be possible to defend equally formidable peaks every five miles between Keren and Addis Ababa, but this was unlikely since Keren had been Italy's military show-place.

HOPES ARE NOW RUNNING HIGH IN CAIRO THAT MUSSOLINI'S BATTERED ARMIES WILL BE UNABLE TO HOLD OUT UNTIL THE RAINS. — REUTER.

Brigade H.Q. Taken

Before the fall of Keren, our troops beat off several counter-attacks and captured a number of prisoners, including a complete Brigade Headquarters.

Enemy casualties during the last forty-eight hours were heavier than before.

In Abyssinia, African and Belgian troops, in cooperation, have captured Gambela, thus clearing the Baro salient (Western Abyssinia) of enemy forces.

In Southern Abyssinia, our pursuit of the retreating Italian forces is continuing in all sectors. — British Wireless.

AIRMEN HARRYING ITALIANS

British and South African warplanes are continuing to harry the Italians in East Africa.

R.A.F. and South African bombers severely attacked the Addis-Ababa-Djibouti railway again on Wednesday, says an R.A.F. communique in Cairo, causing heavy damage to the track, rolling stock and bridges.

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and badly damaged enemy motor transport near Gondar.

Enemy positions in the hills around Keren were again heavily and frequently bombed.

South African fighters shot down two Fiat fighters in this area.

Another communique states that 120 tons of bombs have been dropped on Keren by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force during the past 12 days.—REUTER.

NAMTAU RAID REPORTED

A DARING CHINESE RAID ON THE JAPANESE AIRFIELD AT HOULHOL NEAR NAMTAU, ON TUESDAY NIGHT, RESULTING IN A NUMBER OF NEWLY-BUILT HOUSES BEING BURNT DOWN, IS REVEALED BY AN ARRIVAL FROM NAMTAU.

The raid, the informant said, was staged by Chinese guerrillas taking advantage of a dispute between the puppet Po On Hsien magistrate, Sun Cheng-wu, and the puppet chief of the Third Administrative District Chang Wei-tung.

Sun, backed by the Japanese, recently detained Chang for the appearance of certain placards denouncing him.

Chang's subordinates defected and supported the Chinese in their raid.

The Chinese retired safely after the raid. Central News.

FATHER GRANELLI ROBBED

A burglary at the residence of Rev. Fr. A. Granelli, of St. Teresa's Church, on Wednesday night, was revealed before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning, when Lau Ming 34, was remanded on a charge of breaking in and stealing a wallet, two fountain pens, a wrist watch and \$19.

WOUNDING CHARGE

A WOUNDING WITH INTENT CHARGE AGAINST ABDUL KARIM, 26, PCB432, WAS AMENDED TO WOUNDING BY INSPECTOR A. E. CAREY AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING WHEN ACCUSED APPEARED ON REMAND.

Accused is alleged to have wounded Sher Afzal, PCB436, on March 13 in the Argyle Street Internment Camp.

The case was fixed for hearing on April 25 at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the accused, who is on \$100 bail.

ITALY'S AFRICAN EMPIRE NOW AT WAVELL'S MERCY

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

ITALY'S AFRICAN EMPIRE is now in the hands of General Wavell, and with the fall of Keren, General Wavell is a free man — free to fight another enemy.

The Italians fought at Keren as they have never fought before in the history of their race. They fought superbly — and now they have been beaten only because of the outstandingly brilliant tactics of General Wavell.

General Wavell did an astonishing thing. After his capture of Sidi Barrani, on the Egyptian-Libyan border, he diverted the two forces which had captured this place, one of which was entirely Indian, southwards to the Sudan.

Their task was to undertake operations from Kassala, on the Eritrean border, whence the attack on Keren really began, to Gallabat.

Few commanders have ever risked such an operation with a distance to traverse in between of more than 1,000 miles over desert country.

GENERAL WAVELL AND THE MAJORITY OF HIS FORCES ARE NOW FREE. HE CAN LEAVE AFRICA IF NECESSARY AND APPLY HIS GENIUS ELSEWHERE. — REUTER.

FIREWOOD DEALER PROSECUTED

Charged with selling firewood at the price higher than that fixed by the Store Controller, Ng Chikim, 30, master of a firewood shop at No. 23, Boundary Street, was fined \$40 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

A Chinese detective who made a purchase of \$2 worth of firewood from accused's shop, was given 60 cabbages.

SEVERE ATTACK ON RAILWAY

An R.A.F. Middle East communique states: "In East Africa, formations of R.A.F. and South African Air Force Bomber aircraft continued to carry out severe attacks on the Addis Ababa-Jibuti Railway, causing heavy damage to the track, rolling stock and bridges.

Between Miesso and Awash, five trains were bombed and machine-gunned and trucks were set on fire by one formation which also attacked and severely damaged a large number of enemy motor transport vehicles.

A train in the station at Bicket was dive-bombed and hit repeatedly, and a train in a cutting was machine-gunned.

Hits were observed on the station building and on a railway bridge fifteen miles west of Gota. South African bomber aircraft heavily bombed three trains at Awash and another west of the town. Direct hits were obtained on them, causing considerable damage while the station also suffered severely from the attack.

On the night of March 25/26, R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and badly damaged a number of enemy motor transport vehicles near Gondar. From all operations our aircraft returned safely. — British Wireless.

JUMP FROM SECOND FLOOR

A 33-year-old Chinese, described as a workman in the Hong Kong Telephone Company, was taken to Queen Mary Hospital, about 7.45 a.m. to-day, suffering from injuries to his head, arms and legs, after he had jumped from the second floor of No. 220, Hollywood Road.

According to the man's wife, Wong Yee, the man was not in his usual self, his mind was unbalanced, and she had guarded him for the last few days. He escaped from her while she was sleeping.

PROMINENT ROLE OF R.A.F. IN KEREN'S FALL

THE PROMINENT PART played by R.A.F. and South African aircraft in the capture of Keren is described in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

After remarking that the fall of the stronghold followed "some of the fiercest enemy opposition encountered in the East African campaign," the communique says that during the past week enemy positions in the hills around this Italian stronghold had been heavily and persistently bombed.

Nearly 40 tons of bombs were dropped in this area during the last four days and more than 120 in the last 12 days.

Our aircraft have been over the target most of these days from morning till night.

Fighter aircraft of the South African Air Force have also been active in the area, and on Wednesday, not many hours before the town fell, two of

them engaged and destroyed two Fiat fighters.

The Air Force's contribution to the successful operations against Keren is remarkable in view of the difficult flying conditions. The town itself is surrounded by tiers of mountains between 6,000 and 7,000 feet high and it was amongst these that our aircraft had to seek out and destroy enemy positions.—REUTER.

YUGOSLAVIAN PEOPLE DISOWN POLICY OF SURRENDER

BERLIN 'PHONE TO BELGRADE CUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Telephone communication between Berlin and Belgrade was disrupted yesterday.

German authorities profess ignorance on the situation in Yugoslavia and state that the position in that country is not clear.

They maintain, however, that Germany regards the pact signed by former Premier Tsvetkovitch and Foreign Minister Marcovitch as valid.—International News Service.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DRAMATIC CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN YUGOSLAVIA IS JUSTLY APPRECIATED IN INFORMED QUARTERS IN LONDON.

Widespread popular demonstrations had made it clear that the Government which on Tuesday signed the document in Vienna pledging Yugoslav adherence to the Tripartite Pact was out of touch with popular sentiment.

Growing evidence in the past few days that the people would no longer tolerate a Government which did not express their will, prepared the way for the coup d'état.

The bloodless character of this resounding event and the satisfaction with which the assumption of power by a government reflecting national aspirations have been received throughout the Serb, Croat and Slovene State, are regarded as sufficient indication that the new National Government has the entire approval of the country.

Foreign Policy?

To what extent the change will be openly reflected in the foreign policy of Yugoslavia remains to be seen.

Primarily, of course, this latest development is a domestic matter, but it will inevitably be considered abroad against the background of the most recent events. Yugoslavia's departure on Tuesday from the policy of

strict neutrality hitherto observed stunned the Yugoslav people. For two days, their country cooperated with Germany.

Yesterday's events disown that policy.

Germany's Attitude

Two courses are now open to Yugoslavia. Time will show whether Germany's attitude will permit a continuance of her former neutral policy or will impel Yugoslavia to cooperate with Britain and her Allies.

In view of the note of triumph with which the German newspapers recorded Yugoslavia's adherence to the Pact, describing it as a diplomatic Dunkirk for Britain, the reaction in Berlin to the latest developments has been awaited with interest. So far there appears to be an understandable silence.

It may be assumed that Berlin's visitor, Mr. Matsuo, who only on Wednesday issued a message to the German people declaring that the Japanese nation would be with them in joy and sorrow, scarcely reckoned on this swift disturbance of Nazi machinations.—British Wireless.



Scenes familiar wherever the Dictators of Germany and Italy attempt to enforce their "new order" for Europe. Photo shows houses in the little Greek town of Kastoria, bombed by the Italians with many casualties among civilians.

CHEERS FOR FELIX, THE CRATER CAT

(By A Special Correspondent)

FELIX DOESN'T KNOW he has made cat history in the City of London. For seventeen and a half days he was trapped at the bottom of a smouldering crater which was once a five-storey city building, where he was champion mouser. He survived.

He doesn't know that when at last he crawled wearily to the rim of the crater the Pioneer Corps men waiting to dynamite the walls were so surprised at the sight that they gave him a great rousing cheer all for himself. Felix just collapsed.

When I saw Felix at the warehouse offices of Raphael Tuck and Sons, the calendar firm, he was sitting on the knees of the managing director, Mr. Desmond Tuck.

In the days before the fire, Felix seldom deigned even to notice Mr. Tuck.

"Now," said the managing director, "he seems to have adopted me. He sits on my knee and won't be moved."

In the tall building, which was the firm's pride before the fire, Felix scorned managerial offices.

Now nothing will move him beyond the second floor level.

"How on earth he fell from the top floor to the depths of that crater and then got himself out, after seventeen and a half days, with only a singed coat, one burnt eyebrow, and the loss of 3lb. in weight, only Felix knows," said Mr. Tuck.

CONVOY THREAT IN OPERATION?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The announcement from the Vichy Government of a Franco/German agreement for an exchange of foodstuffs between occupied and unoccupied France has been received in Washington very unfavourably.

Washington officials are shocked at the action of the Vichy Government which, it is stated, may close the door for further food supplies from the United States to France.

It is thought, however, that the first shipment of foodstuffs scheduled to leave the United States for France will not be held up.

Meanwhile, the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation reports interception of a message that Admiral Darlan's threat to convoy French ships has already been put in operation.

It is stated that a big French vessel has left French West Africa for Casablanca under an escort of units of the French Navy.—International News Service.

DEFENCE AGAINST TYRANNY

Text of the Anglo-American Leased Bases Agreement, signed in London yesterday, has been issued together with an official statement.

The statement says the signing of the agreement, coming so soon after the passing of the Lease and Lend Act, "marks one more stage in the development of the policy of good neighbourliness and friendly cooperation to which the two Democracies in their common interests have devoted themselves."

"BRITISH INTERESTS ARE NO LESS THAN AMERICAN, AND THE INTERESTS OF THE COLONIES THEMSELVES WHERE THE BASES ARE SITUATED, AND CANADA AND NEW-FOUNDLAND, WILL BE SERVED BY THE ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH THE FULLEST AND FREEST FACILITIES POSSIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY ENSURE WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED AS SECURITY AGAINST THE DANGERS OF THE FUTURE."

"The leasing of these bases represents further and very real contributions by the territories concerned to the Allied cause and defence against tyranny."—Reuter.

money as fast as she made it, and when he died he left only £80 in the local bank.

Found Another

After his death Kitty refused to stay in the village. She started off down the Batavia River and caused a sensation by discovering another rich field, two miles away.

This brought another village into being, Lower Camp Diggings, but Kitty refused to stay or even to stake a claim. She moved on another two miles, built herself a bark hut, and lived there for seven years, eating the bush foods and whatever the miners gave her until she was persuaded to go to Lockhart River Mission Station.

There she still lives, pensioned by the Queensland Government as the only woman in the world to have discovered a goldfield. To-day her find on the Batavia River is an important mining centre. More than £300,000 worth of gold has been taken from it.

ONLY WOMAN WHO FOUND GOLDFIELD

A new goldfield has been discovered by natives in the dense forest country of the Cape York peninsula, far to the north of Brisbane.

It is reported to be yielding about an ounce and a half to the ton, at a time when the price of gold is higher than it has been for years.

The field is close to a missionary reserve, and is being operated by coloured workers under the direction of one white mine. It is said to be the first field in Australia to be worked by natives. Their keen eyes are far better equipped than the white man's to recognise good-bearing stone.

Many a white prospector owes his wealth to a native "boy," and a surprising number of Australia's major fields were discovered by natives.

Picked Up Gold

Cape York itself is proof of this native ability to spot gold. The fact that payable deposits were to be found there at all might never have been suspected but for a native Pluto and his wife Kitty.

During their honeymoon, at a spot, alongside the lonely Batavia River, the husband picked up a lump of gold. To-day the town of Plutovilla stands on the spot.

One of the richest claims was staked by the couple and registered in the name of a white friend.

For some years, Kitty was the only woman on the goldfield. She worked from dawn to dusk, wielded pick and shovel, toiled underground, raised buckets of ore and did her share of washing for gold. Pluto and his friends spent the

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Hitler Now Set The Problems

WHATEVER THE German air force can do to stop the growing threat of Britain's new United States bombers, must be done at once, declares an editorigl in the "Chicago Sunday Times."

The great guessing game of trying to predict what Hitler is going to do has entered a new phase. It is Hitler to-day who is trying to guess what the British are going to do.

German civilians are wondering where the R.A.F. will strike next. All over the Continent of Europe there is fear and eyes straining aloft.

They have been told the United States cannot send England help but there it is — right before their eyes. Hitler's greatest military risk has come to pass — warfare on many different fronts, simultaneously.

Berlin Alarm

The "New York Post" in a message from its Zurich correspondent, says that German preparations to move the Reich capital from Berlin to Vienna were seen in the mass expulsion of Jews and Czechs from Vienna.

The capital will be shifted should the R.A.F. succeed in organising extensive bombing of Berlin, it is believed.

The German authorities are expecting this bombing to be intensified because of the increased British aircraft production and the arrival of more American made long-range bombers. — Reuter.

HENNESSY ROAD "RACE"

MR. E. F. A. MORGAN, OF NO. 89, WATERLOO ROAD, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, FOR SPEEDING IN HENNESSY ROAD ON MARCH 15.

Mr. E. C. Luscombe, A.S.P., told the Court that at about 9.25 p.m. on March 15, he was driving in Hennessy Road from east to west. He overtook a bus at the junction of O'Brien Road and saw a green sports car, No. 2230, driven by the defendant, doing a speed of 25 m.p.h. He tried to overtake, but accused refused to let him pass. He proceeded to overtake the car, and when the vehicles drew abreast, accused's car was at a speed of 45 miles per hour.

A fine of \$20 was imposed. Gunner W. Wren, Royal Artillery, attached to Cape D'Agular, was fined \$10 for driving car No. 1655 in Shauckiwan Road, without a valid driver's licence, on March 14.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI GIVES A PARTY

AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON PARTY ATTENDED BY A NUMBER OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WAS GIVEN IN LONDON YESTERDAY BY DR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR, AT THE EMBASSY.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clement Attlee, Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Greenwood, Mr.

MOTHER TAKES NO ACTION

Pleading guilty to harbouring Lung Sai-mui, 16-year-old girl, on March 18, 1940, without her mother's consent, Chan Kau, 55, married woman, residing at No. 322, Reclamation Street, was fined \$15 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Inspector Moreton, of the S.C.A., said that a year ago, on March 18, the girl when she left the house for work in the morning, was met by accused, who suggested that she could find her better employment and took her to a house in Shanghai Street where, accused, it is alleged, sold her for \$40.

The girl remained with that woman until September when she was sold to another woman in Jaffe Road, where she practised prostitution until last Thursday when she "escaped" and returned to her mother.

In the presence of accused, the girl related the story to her mother, who made no report of her disappearance or her return.

However, the S.C.A. received information from other sources and accused was arrested yesterday.

SIX MONTHS' SENTENCE

Lai Cheuit, 41, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, for wounding Li Hon-man, accountant of a Chinese Bank in Bonham Strand West, and stealing \$2,000 in Chinese currency from the bank on March 19.

It was alleged that defendant attacked the complainant with a chopper when he chased him.

Defendant said he needed money so badly, and had no other means of getting it.

Sub-Inspector Goodwin prosecuted.

Ivan Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador in London, and Madame Malsky, Lord Kemsley, proprietor of the "Sunday Times," and Lady Kemsley, Mr. R. B. Dennis, former Prime Minister of Canada, and Mr. Frank Owen, editor of the "Evening Standard," — Central News.

General Strike In Syria

The general strike has broken out afresh in many centres in Syria, says a Jerusalem despatch to the Independent French Agency.

Offices have been closed, and traffic suspended in Damascus, Aleppo and other towns, it is stated, while military forces have been sent to Damascus and Aleppo.

The leaders of the "national bloc" who instigated the movement, claim a wide degree of autonomy for Syria and the calling of a National Assembly. — Reuter.

LEND AND LEASE VOTE SIGNED

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the Lend and Lease Appropriation Bill providing \$7,000,000,000 to aid the Allies, says Reuter from New York.

TRAIN HITS MINE

SEVERAL HUNDRED JAPANESE TROOPS, INCLUDING MANY HIGH OFFICERS, WERE KILLED WHEN A TROOP TRAIN HIT A LARGE MINE IN THE VICINITY OF CHIEH-HSIEN, SHANSI PROVINCE, SAYS A CHINESE PRESS REPORT IN SHANGHAI.

The report adds that remnants

ATLANTIC BASE AGREEMENT SIGNED

In a felicitous atmosphere, the Anglo-American agreement for leasing Atlantic bases to the United States was signed in the Cabinet Room at 10, Downing Street yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Churchill made a happy gesture to the American signatories by using four special fountain-pens which afterwards were presented to Mr. John Winant, the Ambassador, and his three colleagues as mementoes.

Each recipient's name was engraved on each pen. — Reuter.

of the Japanese were ambushed and attacked by Chinese guerrillas. — Reuter.

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MATSUOKA'S MISSION

Chiefly Interested In Easing Soviet Relations

Analysis Of Far East Situation

A SPECIAL ARTICLE in the London "Times" yesterday entitled "Chiang Kai-shek's resistance," declares there is much speculation in China about the Japanese Foreign Minister's missions in Moscow and Berlin.

It is generally believed that Mr. Matsuoka will aim at clinching a trade agreement with Soviet Russia, which will be hailed as the first diplomatic triumph of his round trip and a step towards a larger and more comprehensive political agreement, a pact of non-aggression.

Whatever the actual value of such a pact its signature would enable Japan to release the major part of her Kwantung Army of some 300,000 troops, now tied up in Manchuria, for her southward drive.

Moscow will be pressed to stop sending supplies to China. The recent dispute between Chungking and the Chinese Communists, which led to disciplinary action by General Chiang Kai-shek against the Fourth Army operating as guerrillas in the central provinces, and which has caused so much wishful thinking in Tokyo on the possibilities of a break-up of Nationalist China, will undoubtedly be played up.

In Berlin it is believed Mr. Matsuoka wishes to discover for himself whether the chances of an Axis victory, now that the Lease and Lend Bill has opened the floodgates of American supplies to Britain, still remain as good as they seemed last autumn.

Timing Of Offensives

If he is satisfied about this, the timing of Japan's southward adventure concurrently with Hitler's proclaimed offensive, will be fixed. This will involve technical collaboration to overcome the tremendous odds arising out of the geographical distance between the Axis powers and Japan and to ward off intervention by the United States in the Atlantic and Pacific.

Finally, some agreement for a share-out of the Asiatic booty will not be excluded.

If, on the other hand, an Axis victory is found to be doubtful, Mr. Matsuoka will have no wish to repeat Mussolini's blunders by burning his fingers and staking his empire.

Using The Pact

He might consequently intimate to London and Washington that Japan will be prepared to detach herself from the triple alliance at no cost to the Allies and the United States but at some cost to China.

The question arises, if Japan should attack Singapore and the Dutch East Indies, would China seize the opportunity to make peace? The answer in Chungking is emphatically "No."

In Chinese eyes the Japanese southward drive is regarded as a mere diversion. It does nothing to eliminate the permanent Japanese menace to China.

Japan's Vision

Tokyo calculates that the two countries would form a large economic bloc which could be more easily defended strategically than a long chain of islands scattered over thousands of miles and stretching from the tip of Kamchatka, in the north, to Port Darwin, in the south.

The millions of square miles of rich Chinese soil would provide Japan with food and materials. The 450,000,000 Chinese subjects would be exploited and harnessed to Japanese industry. Conquered China would be a market with immense possibilities for Japanese goods and investment.

The southward drive is therefore an attempt to put China into temporary cold storage. On the other hand, the conquest of Indo-China, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies would give Japan fresh strength to renew her attack on the mainland when she has finished her job in the south.

Burma Road

China would then have become completely isolated. Sitting astride Indo-China and Thailand, the Japanese would cut off the Burma Road and bar the way to Australian reinforcements to the Middle East.

The situation in the Indian Ocean, which directly affects Suez and the Mediterranean, would have been rendered impossible for Britain as well as China.

The Burma road is China's main artery for foreign supplies and for exports to the outside world. Singapore is the bastion of Burma.

Invisible Exports

Another little known but important economic factor involved is the threat to China's invisible exports.

There are roughly eight million Chinese overseas living in Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines. Their joint contribution to investments for reconstruction and industrialisation of Free China has reached enormous proportions—approximately \$800,000,000.

Their gifts towards the relief of distress at home have enabled the Government to release funds earmarked for relief and for the purchase of supplies estimated at one-quarter of China's total war expenditure.

Japanese conquest or control of those regions would result in the wholesale eviction of Chinese residents and the seizure of their property, putting a stop to this steady flow of revenue and supply of foreign currency into China.

Moral Factors

There are also several moral factors at stake. China is committed to a policy of united resistance till victory is won at whatever cost. She is fighting not only for her existence but also against the rule of force and in defence of law and order.

President Roosevelt in his last great speech said obedience could be enforced but loyalty was different. It springs from the mind that is given facts and that retains ancient ideals. That is true of England, Greece, China and the United States to-day.

To the Chinese capacity for dealing with facts, to the sort of smiling realism which has always been part of their philosophy, has been added under Japanese pressure a new ideal of military efficiency.

China's Army

The Chinese had a long tradition of contempt for soldiers and a total absence of modern training. But they raised an army of five million, parts of which have proved competent guerrilla fighters, they have created an arms industry and they have found an outstanding commander in General Chiang Kai-shek and several good army generals.

The Japanese Imperial Army promised an "excursion" which

would last three months and which it still called not war but an "incident," but has been struggling vainly in China for more than three and a half years.

When Hankow fell the military phase of the Japanese conquest came to an end. A war of waiting and attrition began.

Shock-Absorbers

The mere bulk of China is a powerful shock-breaker capable of absorbing the most violent Japanese blitzkrieg. Her immense manpower and inexhaustible natural resources have been so mobilised as to produce most astounding results.

Her ancient history and culture have endowed her leaders and people with courage, resource and vision.

Increasing aid from Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union is strengthening her defences.

China can afford to wait. Generalissimo Chiang is convinced as ever that Prince Konoye can never succeed in beating China to her knees.

German Efforts

When Nanking fell, China was alone and facing a most acute crisis. Yet Dr. Trautman, the Nazi Ambassador, failed to persuade General Chiang Kai-shek to make peace.

A second German attempt at mediation to-day would be doomed to failure.

The Japanese make no disguise of the misgiving with which they view the war outlook. Prince Konoye in January admitted peace was not in sight. General Tanaka in February told the Diet it was needless to crush the Chungking regime by force of arms, but it was essential to develop economically the areas already occupied, which could then afford to ignore the Chungking regime.

Japan's Casualties

Japan still has perhaps a million soldiers engaged on the mainland and has suffered probably as many more casualties.

Her armies live largely off the country. In 1940 they were said to extract 60 per cent of their rice from China, paying the Chinese in yen notes which buy nothing and are causing starvation in the occupied areas. Japan has also increased her wool, salt and coal imports from China. Even this easing of the burden leaves a heavy strain and, with a decline of three-fourths in cotton exports from China to Japan, caused by Japanese army control of trade and refusals to pay in economic price, "cooperation" in the occupied areas does not promise to cover war costs.

China's Losses

China has, of course, suffered immeasurably more than Japan by the war. War devastation and the deliberate depredations of the Japanese army have wrecked wealth in the coastal and central provinces.

It is typical that the puppet government of Wang Ching-wei at Nanking derives its revenues largely from the drug traffic run by the invading army, although that faction occupies what used to be the richest provinces.

The Chinese military retreat to the interior was doubly by the cultural and industrial migration. The removal of students to the interior preserved continuity in education. From their distant reformed colleges men have gone out to staff the administration.

Ningpo Trek

It might be said that the students had to leave since only death

MATSUOKA AND THE BELGRADE COUP

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Belgrade coup is reported to have been among the topics discussed by Hitler and Mr. Matsuoka during their talk yesterday.

It is believed that American aid to Britain was one of the chief topics.—International News Service.

awaited them if the Japanese caught them. But that is not true of the craftsmen and mechanics who moved and took their tools with them.

Seventy machine-workers of Ningpo pulled 200 tons of machinery in handcarts over the hills of Chekiang. They struggled on for months, frequently bombed from the air, but at last reached a spot where they could set the machines up again.

It is bodies which are as tough as these which form the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives, of which there are some 20,000 of various sizes.

New Phenomenon

These forms of patriotism are a new phenomenon in the land. No doubt the vast size of the country, which renders total military occupation impossible, has helped, as also has the immensity of the population, which can spare millions of men for the army and millions more for industry.

These are the moral, strategic, political and economic factors involved. China will not yield to threats or be ensnared by treacherous peace offers. "The indomitable spirit of revolutionary China knows no defeat," General Chiang Kai-shek has said. It is well that this plain truth is brought out to be borne in mind.

Japan's Displeasure

Nazi agents in Chungking have emphasised that Germany has not yet recognised Wang Ching-wei's puppet regime in Nanking—to the intense displeasure of Japan—because Hitler has no intention of handing over the country to Japan, but they have also hinted at the wisdom of losing limb rather than life.

These tricks will not succeed. China will not be persuaded or expected to make peace to enable her enemy to concentrate all its forces in an attack in the South Seas.

Inasmuch as China is prepared to play her full part in the fray it must be plain that no attempt by Mr. Matsuoka to detach Japan from the Axis at the expense of China could succeed.—Reuter.

"SEND PRIVATES MONEY, TOO"

Captain Margesson, War Minister, has been asked to abolish a distinction between British officer and private soldier prisoners of war in Germany.

He will agree, it is expected, that privates—as well as officers—can have 22 sent to them from time to time.

The Health Minister, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, told Parliament that he hoped soon to introduce legislation to protect the health and pensions insurance rights of British seamen prisoners of war.

This question arose over the back subscriptions of the seamen held in the Nazi goliath ship Altmärk.

RESCUE MEN ARE TAUGHT BY FILM

Special schools for training A.R.P. rescue squads have been opened in various parts of the country.

There are now 15 of these where rescue workers are learning to release trapped people from demolished houses and to tunnel under collapsed buildings.

Originally there were 20 schools, set up to train the foremen of the squads. When their training was complete it was not considered necessary to keep the schools going.

But the Ministry of Home Security decided that other members of the rescue squads should be thoroughly trained as well as the foremen.

Six-Day Course

Each school takes about 20 men at a time. The course lasts six days.

Besides practical demonstrations, the students have film shows and lectures given by technical experts. Borough surveyors of the councils in whose areas the schools have been set up, and other technicians in the area, help in the training plan.

Among the subjects taught are building construction, shoring up of buildings; the use of derricks and jacks, acetylene cutting, scaffolding and various demolition methods. The men are even taught the proper way to tie knots.

It is not intended to open more schools for training rescue squads, but the present 15 will be kept open to train as many men as can be spared for the course.

BLUFF WON'T DO IN ARMY

Men who believe themselves to be of superior intelligence are being "found out" in the Army.

When the Army has put them through their tests many find themselves graded well down the scale while many manual workers—who don't claim to be intellectuals—come out on top.

At a Northern Command training depot the Army doctor has been joined by trained psychologists. All men coming from civilian life to the depot pass through the hands of a man who by simple tests can place the recruit in his particular class of intellect.

Jig-Saws

Various tests are used. In one the recruit is given a pattern with a piece missing. He is also given half a dozen segments, each of which fits exactly in the empty space, but only one of which will complete the pattern.

A number of these tests are set, getting progressively more difficult.

According to the speed and accuracy with which the recruit completes the pattern he is graded for general intelligence and sharp-wittedness.

It is not always the schoolmasters and well-educated who come out on top. Section one may contain lorry drivers, University students, dockers and musicians, while the lowest grades have often been known to include company secretaries and men of good education.

Much of the work which the recruits do after the tests is based on the psychologist's report.

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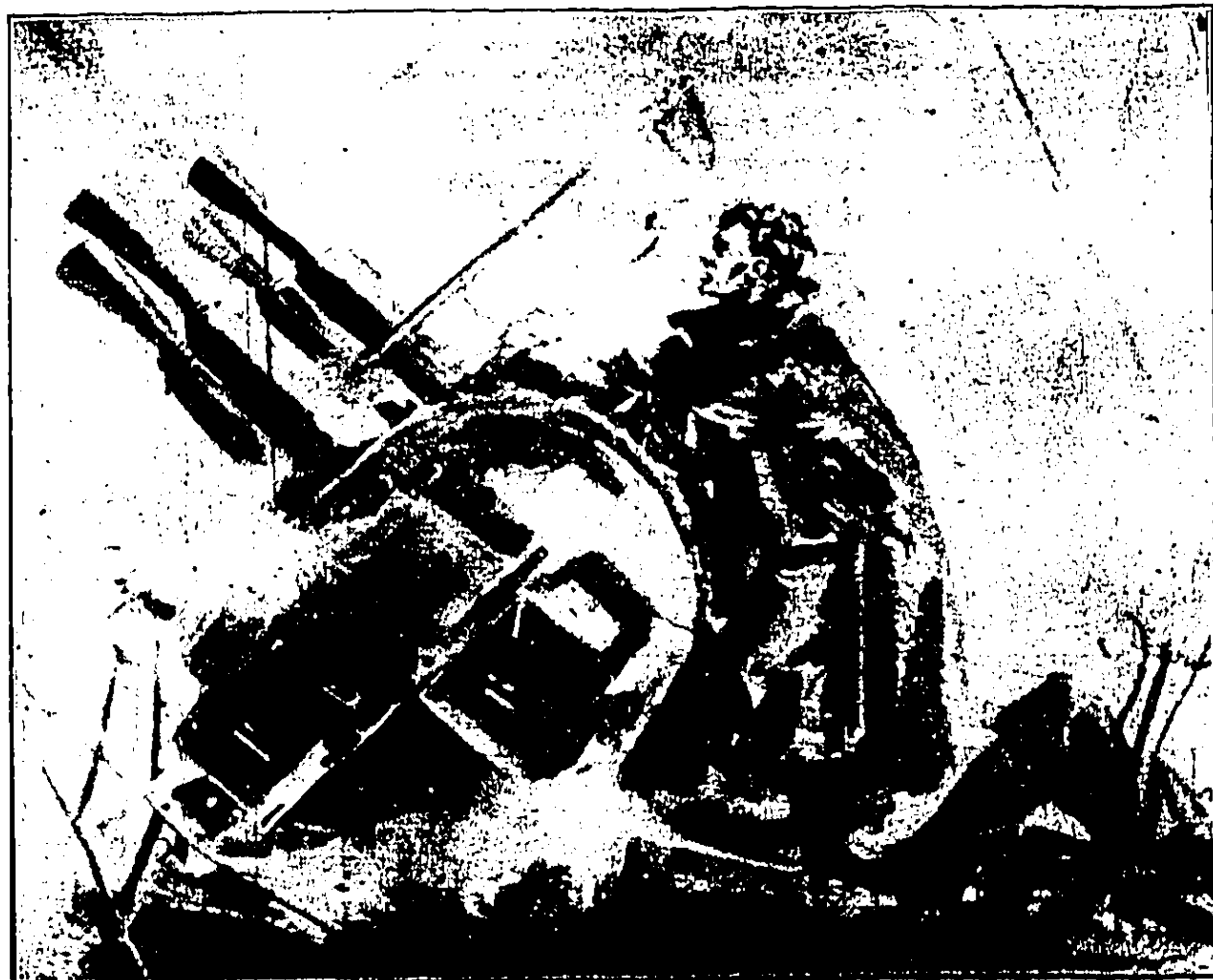
SERGT. JOHN HANNAH, V.C., OF THE R.A.F., THE YOUNGEST V.C. OF THE WAR.—During an attack on enemy barge concentrations, the plane in which Sergt. Hannah was acting as wireless operator-air gunner, received a direct hit. The shell burst in the bomb compartments and started a fire which quickly spread; both the port and starboard petrol tanks had also been pierced. Although Hannah could have escaped he remained to fight the fire for 10 minutes, beating the flames with his log book when the extinguishers were empty. During this time thousands of rounds of ammunition exploded in all directions and although almost blinded by the intense heat and fumes, he had the presence of mind to turn on his oxygen supply. By his gallant action Sergt. Hannah enabled his pilot to bring the aircraft safely to its base.



ACTING FLIGHT LT. RODERICK ALASTAIR BROOK LEAROYD, V.C.—On the night of 12th August 1940, this officer was detailed to attack a special objective on the Dortmund-Ems Canal. To achieve success it was necessary to approach through a lane of especially disposed anti-aircraft defences and in the face of most intense point blank fire. Flight Lt. Learoyd nevertheless made his attack from 150 feet, his aircraft being repeatedly hit and large pieces of the main plane torn away. Almost blinded by the glare of searchlights he pressed home his attack with great resolution and skill. Subsequently he brought his wrecked aircraft home.



LT. R. B. STANNARD, R.N.R., V.C., OF H.M. TRAWLER "ARAB."—When many tons of hand grenades on Namsoos wharf had been set on fire with no shore water available, Lt. Stannard rammed the pier and held the "Arab" bow there. Sending all but two of his crew aft, he then endeavoured for two hours to extinguish the fire with hoses from the forecabin. After helping other ships against air attacks, he placed his own damaged vessel under shelter of a cliff, landed his crew and those of two other trawlers, and established an armed camp. Throughout a period of five days, the "Arab" was subjected to 31 bombing attacks and the camp and Lewis gun positions ashore were repeatedly machine-gunned and bombed. Finally when leaving the fjord, he was attacked by a German bomber, which he brought down.



ACTING LEADING SEAMAN JACK MANTLE OF H.M.S. "FOYLEBANK"—Mantle was in charge of the starboard pom-pom when the "Foylebank" was attacked by aircraft. Early in the action his left leg was shattered by a bomb, but he stood fast at his gun, and went on firing with hand gear only, for the ship's electric power had failed. Almost at once he was wounded again in many places.



DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.—Sec. Lt. Richard W. Annand, V.C., This officer won his V.C. in action at the River Dyle, Belgium. The enemy launched a violent attack and pushed forward a bridging party into the sunken bottom of the river. Sec. Lt. Annand attacked this party, but when ammunition ran out he went forward himself over open ground with total disregard for enemy mortar and machine-gun fire. Reaching the top of the bridge, he drove out the party below, inflicting over 20 casualties with hand grenades. Having been wounded, he rejoined his platoon, had his wound dressed and then carried on in command. During the evening another attack was launched and again Sec. Lt. Annand went forward with hand grenades and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.



ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT.—C.S.M. GEORGE GRISTOCK, V.C., Realising that an enemy machine-gun had moved forward to a position from which it was inflicting heavy casualties on his company, C.S.M. Gristock went on, with one man as connecting file, to try and put it out of action. While advancing he came under heavy machine-gun fire from the opposite bank and was severely wounded in both legs, his right knee being badly smashed. He gained his fire position some 20 yards from the enemy machine-gun post, undetected, and by well aimed rapid fire killed the machine-gun crew of four and put their gun out of action. He then dragged himself back. The scene was on the line of the River Exaut, south of Tournai, on May 21st.

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FATE OF ERITREA SEALED

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The fall of Keren practically means the end of the campaign in Eritrea, Italy's oldest and most developed holding in North Africa.

The capital, Asmara, and its chief seaport, Massawa, are not likely to put up any serious resistance.

The Duke of Aosta has been concentrating all available strength in defence of two points—Addis Ababa, in Abyssinia, and Keren, in Eritrea.

Asmara and Massawa will probably meet the same fate as Keren in a matter of days, whereas the capture of Keren has taken weeks.

The Italians have fought well here, and their heavy losses testify to their qualities when fighting with backs to the wall, but the British attacks have been pressed home inexorably and the fall of Keren was inevitable.

Last Link

The capture of Harrar also is very important as it threatens the last link between Addis Ababa and the sea at Djibouti, the subjection of which need not be hurried and can be left largely to the Abyssinian patriots.

End of the campaign in Eritrea, however, will release large Imperial forces at a moment when they will be doubly precious in other spheres of the Near East.

INCIDENTALLY THERE SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLE WAR MATERIAL AWAITING HARVEST AT MASSAWA. — REUTER.

TRAINS BOMBED ON RAILWAY

A Nairobi communique announces continued action by the South African Air Force in attacking enemy rail and road communications between Direidawa and Awash.

Many bombs hit a train which comprised fifteen trucks and was moving towards Direidawa at Urso. Direct hits were made on the front and rear of the train, two gaps being caused.

Other trains were attacked at Meisso and Awash and, in one case, three trucks overturned on the bank. Twenty trucks and some troops at Metehara, nearer Addis Ababa, were machine-gunned.

Two fires were seen at Awash where mechanised transport was also machine-gunned.

Two enemy bombers over the Marda Pass area dropped only one stick of bombs and remained two minutes, and did no damage. South African aircraft have landed at Rocco Littorio in Italian Somaliland, to evacuate enemy civilian nationals.—British Wireless.

20,000 JAPANESE KILLED

The Japanese lost 20,000 killed and wounded in Kiangsi province, declared the Chinese military spokesman in Chungking.

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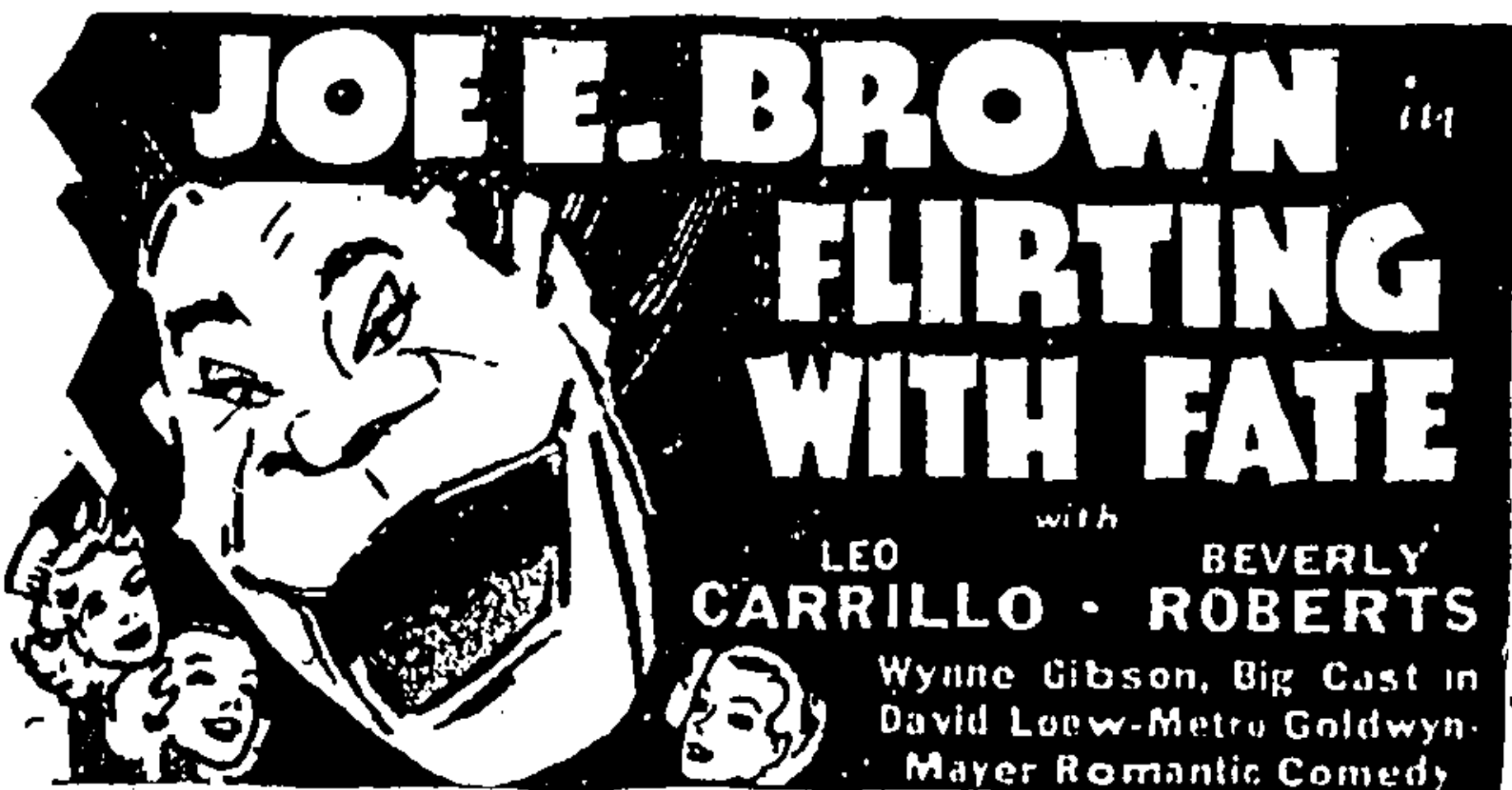
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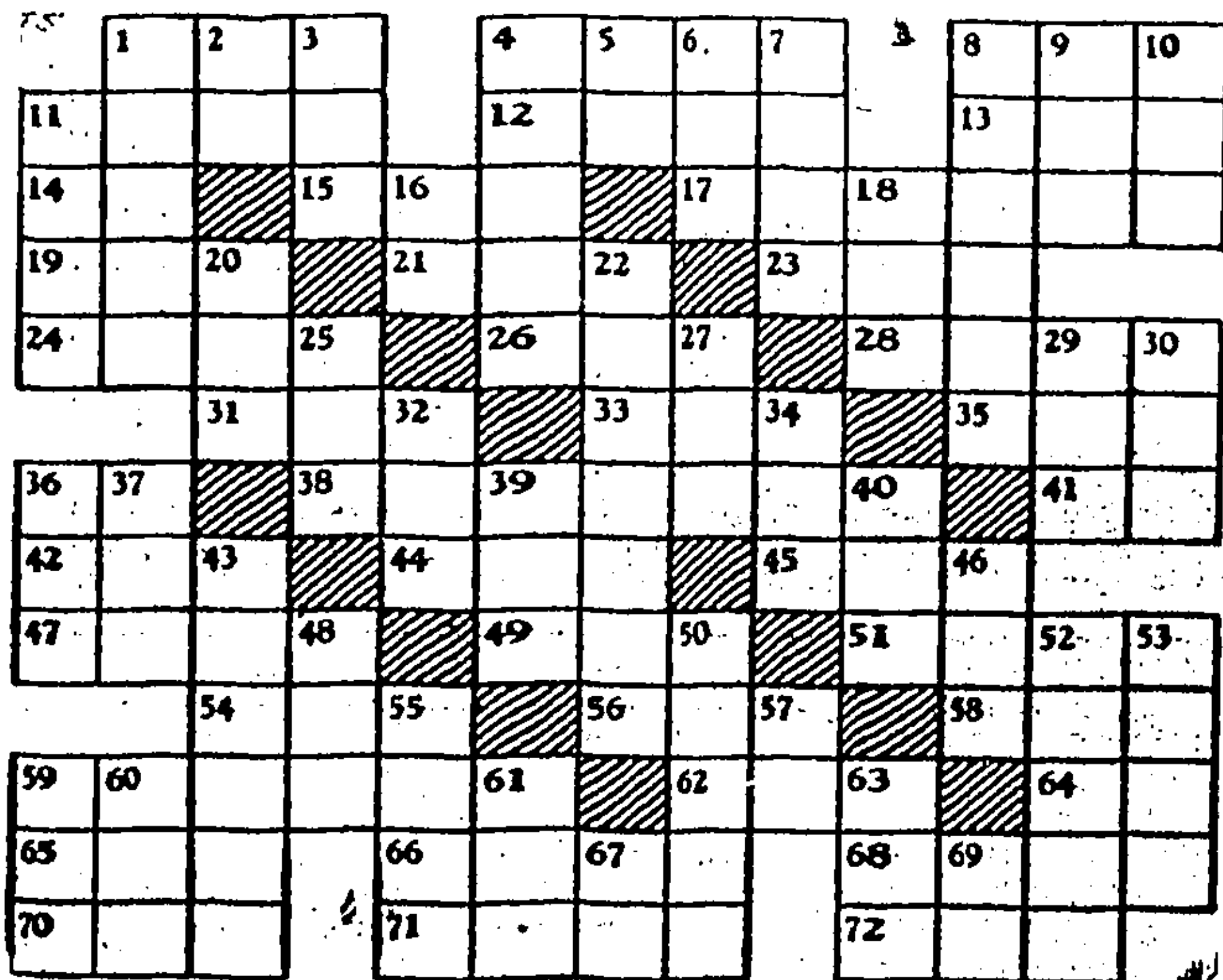
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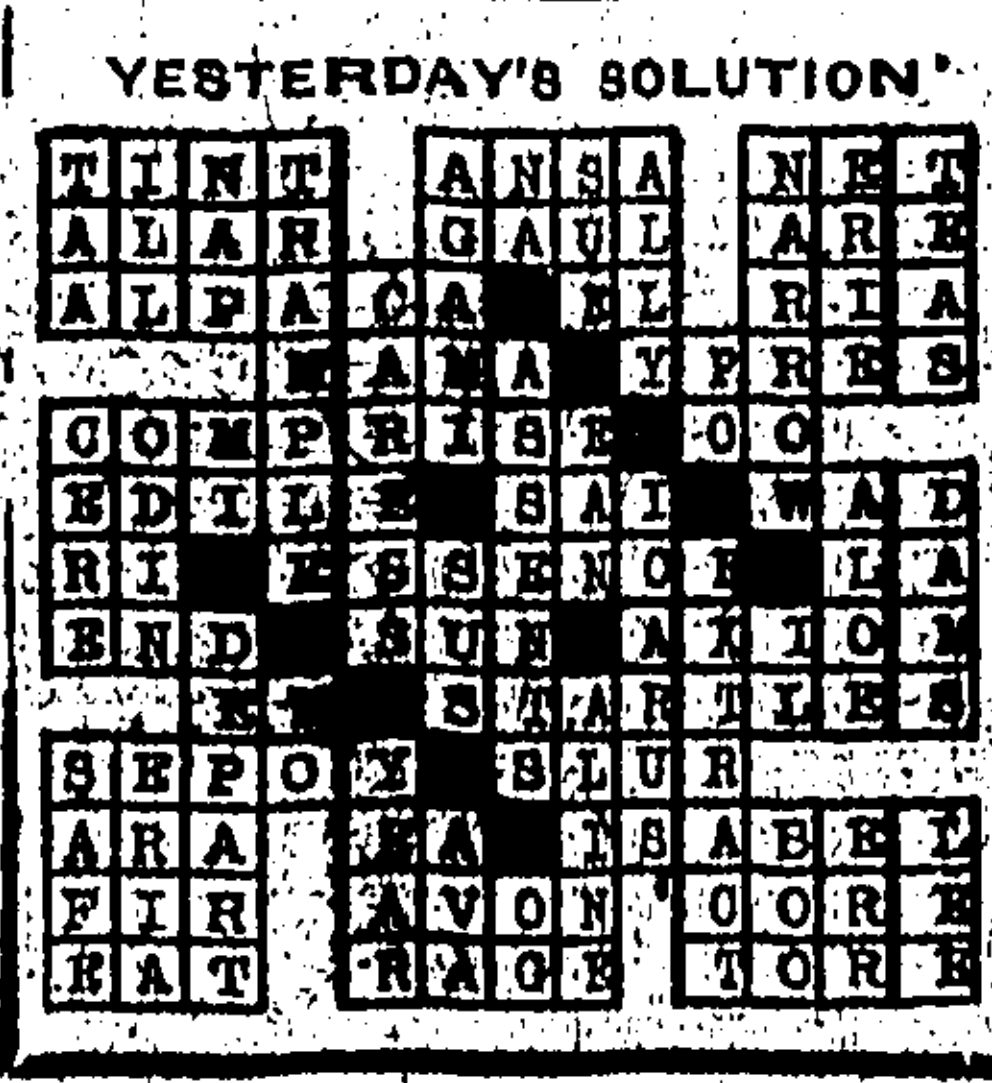
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19 Garland
21 Hall
23 Indian pillar
24 Young sheep
26 Indo-Chinese tree
28 To shine
31 Container
33 Digit
35 Guido's high note
38 Preposition
39 Philistino giant
41 Article
42 To sleep
44 To decay
45 Object
47 Cry of sorrow
49 Ancient
51 Daveport
54 To fall behind
56 Before
58 Slick substance

- 59 To withdraw
62 Football player
64 Japanese measure
65 Hearing organ
68 Solo
69 Egg-shaped
70 Vessel's curved planking
71 Edge
72 Scarlet

- VERTICAL**
1 Sister of Circe
2 Preposition
3 Devoured
4 Person held in bondage
6 Dawn goddess
7 Athenian popular assembly
8 Conflict
9 Anglo-Saxon money
10 To increase
11 To become dull
16 Egyptian dully
18 To scold
20 Mischievous child
22 To give the right
25 Swamp
27 Tibetan gazelle
29 Palm leaf
30 Pale
32 Rocky crag
34 Greek letter
36 Spenserian character
37 Colloquial: crony
39 Card game
40 Pronoun
43 Very small
46 Bright saying
48 Cebine monkey
50 Vision
53 Unit of electrical capacity
55 Seed coating
56 To seize
57 Half an am
59 Law: things
60 To bring forth
61 To be mistaken
63 Beetle
67 Two
68 Brother of Odin



HUGE U.S. STEEL OUTPUT

Employing more workers than it ever has before, the United States Steel Corporation is producing a much greater amount of steel for arms production than during the first World War, says the "New York Herald-Tribune."
Mr. Irving Olds, the chairman, announced this in the 39th annual report.
The Corporation is running its mills at a rate equalling about 90 per cent of theoretical capacity.
Mr. Olds said the Corporation was sending large quantities of steel to Great Britain.—Reuter.

CHINA SHIPPING ISSUES

Answering a Commons question regarding the facilities allowed to British shipping at Chinese coastal ports in Japanese occupation, the Foreign Under-Secretary said:
"At Shanghai, there is no interference with British shipping.
At Tientsin, the situation is generally speaking satisfactory.
At Chefoo, conditions are on the whole worse than in 1937, but there has been no discrimination for the past 18 months, in which period working conditions have remained the same.
At Tsingtao, additional wharves are still available and improved conditions continue, but the berths allotted third power shipping are very exposed and have inadequate godown accommodation so that some delay is being experienced by British shipping.
At Canton, weekly sailings under agreement with the Japanese are at present suspended by mutual agreement, but negotiations are still proceeding.—British Wireless.

BANKS TO REOPEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It was learned in Shanghai last night that the Bank of China will reopen for business tomorrow and the Farmers Bank on Monday.—Our Own Correspondent.

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NAZIS POUR SLAVES INTO NEW HOMES

ON THE RUSSIAN border, where tiny streams and rows of sturdy tank traps and barbed wire separate eastern Germany from what was Lithuania until the Russians moved in, one gets a small but compelling picture of the migrating peoples whose movements are permanently altering the character of Europe regardless of the outcome of the war.

These are some of the 70,000 Baltic Germans who are being repatriated as part of the Reich's campaign to bring within its borders all the so-called Volksdeutsche, or persons of German descent, that it can. According to published figures, 550,000 have returned from various parts of Europe since October 1938.

Simple peasants for the most part, these people from former Lithuania have packed what they could bring, sometimes with a horse and a wooden, springless wagon, sometimes in shawls, sometimes in only their coarse and worn garments, to find a new life in Germany. Most of them are cheerful, but the women have the weariness and hopelessness that comes from long hardships. Almost all of the children are completely stocial except for the one small boy of 5 years whose mother, with no visible expression, holds him up while he cries for the benefit of photographers.

cars are double, with the forward car exclusively for Germans.

New roads are being constructed. Farm production is being speeded up and much renovation has been undertaken in the city itself. Food is still more plentiful here than around Berlin, for example, and ration cards have not yet been introduced, although they will come later this month. Transport, restricted during the Polish campaign, has been restored, and it will be possible to move more of the produce from here to less agricultural regions.

Promised Good Farmland

More fortunate than some of the European wanderers, these people have the promise, at least, of the German government that they will be provided with farms with approximately similar resources and livestock as those they left behind. German commissions operating in Russia have made a careful inventory of the possessions and capabilities of these returning citizens.

But that is in the uncertain future. Between them and their new homes are three or four months in large camps where they will be examined carefully for disease or other undesirable qualities and catechised in German thinking. They had their first experience with it at the border, where officials greeted them and welcoming banners and flags decorated the otherwise dreary streets.

En route one saw, near Posen, the final steps in this resettlement process. There Volksdeutsche from the General Government (section of German-controlled Poland) have been installed in homes many of which were built during an earlier German government and were occupied by Polish people after 1918. About 35,000 persons have been brought to this area, which is now the warthe gau (district) of the Reich, in a direct exchange of population.

The German authorities say that they have made every effort to make the exchange as equal as possible in resources, furnishing and livestock.

Scars Of War Still Evident

Some scars of the brief and savage war that wiped out Poland as a nation a year and a half ago can still be seen from the train windows as one travels between the borders near Osterode and Bentschen. Many of the bridges, including the broad span over the Vistula, are still being repaired, where sections were destroyed, and a few shell-damaged houses can be observed. Although this territory has been incorporated into the Reich, special police passes are still required and it is almost impossible for foreigners to visit the General Government.

In Posen almost every trace of its Polish occupation has disappeared with an amazing thoroughness. Street signs are new and in German. Freshly painted patches on store fronts and other buildings are still evident.

Frequent signs in railroad stations and other places say that only German will be spoken and many business houses have placards preventing the entry of Poles. Street-

CANADA'S PART IN SEA WAR

Cmdre. L. W. Murray, of the Royal Canadian Navy, has arrived in London with the important mission of administering Canada's naval services based on Britain. He hopes also to see something of the real war of shot and shell.

He was at sea throughout the last war, for most of the time in warships escorting Transatlantic convoys. "But," he said, "I have seen more of real war in London during the last few days than I have ever seen before."

Cmdre. Murray has come from the Ottawa office where he worked as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, to set up an office in London for his newly-created post of Commodore Commanding Canadian Ships and Establishments in the United Kingdom.

"I shall go to sea for as long as I can — perhaps until May," he said. "From my office in Ottawa I have tried to keep in touch with things, but I feel that I have to go out and learn the language that people are speaking nowadays. It is different from the language we spoke last time."

"At my new office in this country," Cmdre. Murray added, "I shall be able to see the captains as they come ashore and find out all their troubles."

"In addition to our ships, we have here some 420 volunteer reserve officers serving with the Royal Navy. They will be my concern as well. There is hardly a ship of the Royal Navy that has not some Canadians on board."

Poles and Free Frenchmen are serving in Canadian ships — "to our advantage, and, we hope, to theirs," Cmdre. Murray says.

many for the French populations. Twenty thousands pounds of these would be sold at cost price by the German authorities in the public market the following day.

And the French business man saw his own potatoes sold by the Nazis.

NAZIS TRY TO TRICK FRENCH

Here is an example of the methods adopted by the Nazis is give the French people in occupied France the impression that they are "good" to them by providing them with food.

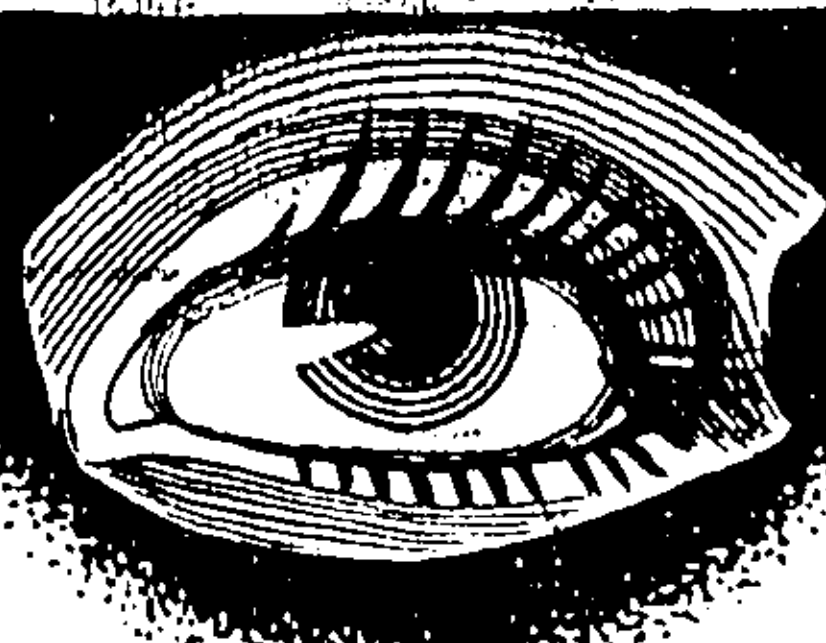
A French business man whose land produces chiefly potatoes arrived to see how the crop was progressing.

He discovered that all the potatoes had been collected and put in sacks which filled two large sheds on his farm.

Each sack bore a label: "Imported from Germany."

A few days later the Nazis had posters on the walls of a neighbouring town announcing that, while "the English are endeavouring to starve the people of France, the German authorities, who are doing all they can to provide food for them," had just imported a large stock of potatoes from Germany.

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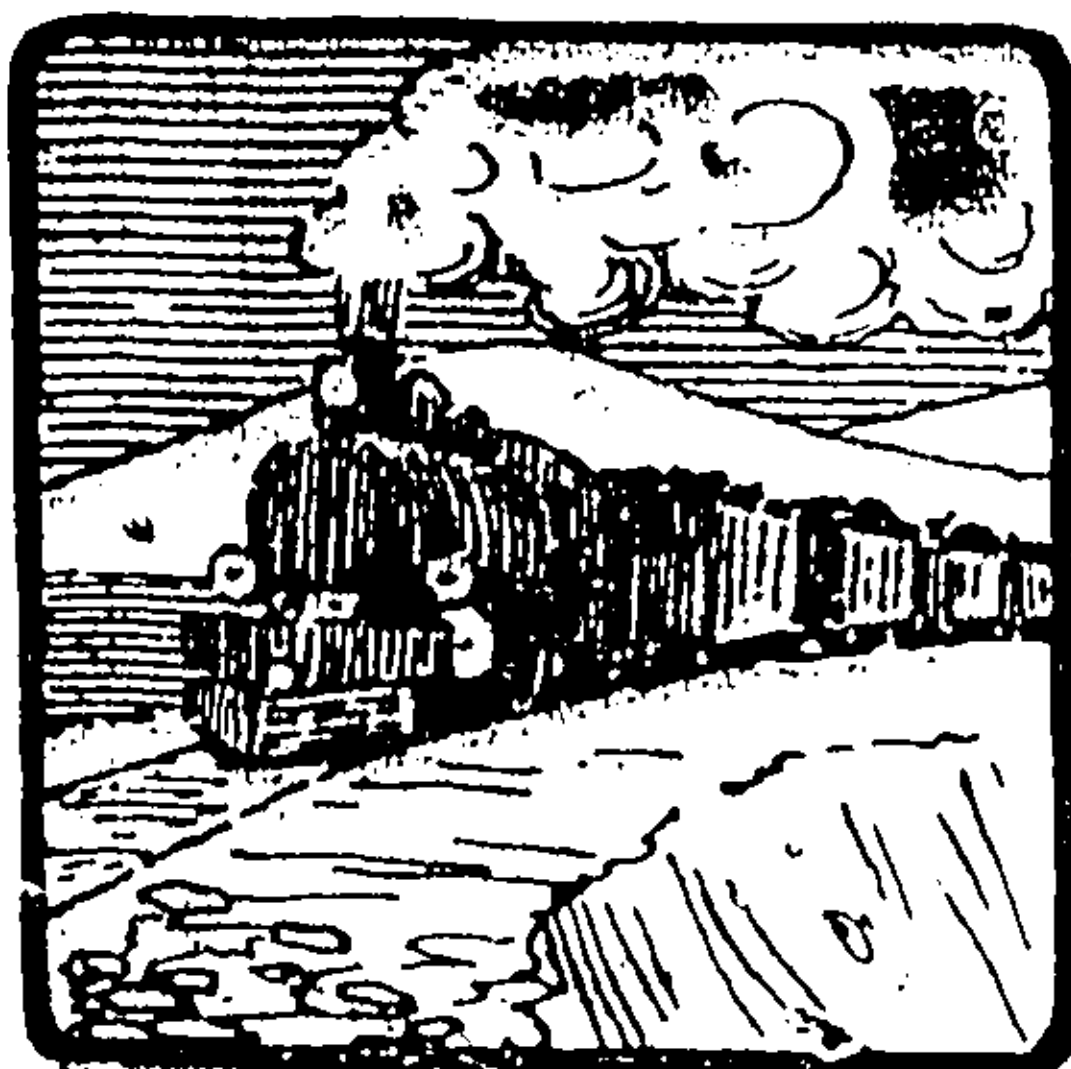
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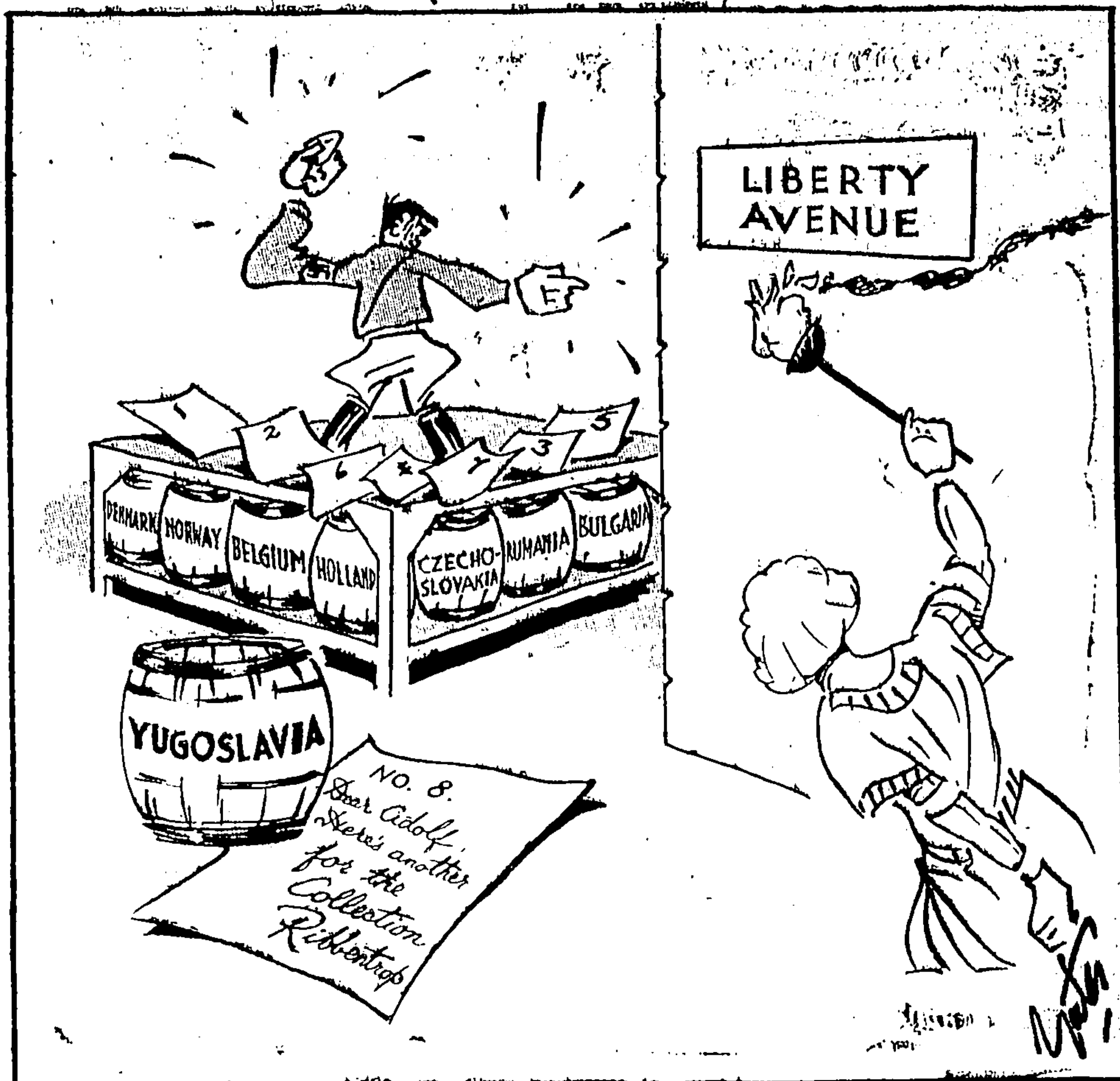
GERMAN PEOPLE AND THE WAR

There is a good deal of evidence to show that there is little enthusiasm in Germany for the war. The latest report is an article in the "Chicago Daily News" by a writer who has spent six years in Berlin as the correspondent of that paper. He describes the nervous wear and tear of the violent experiences through which the German people have passed in the last twenty years; he observes that he has often seen German soldiers passing through Berlin and other cities on their way to the front and only once heard soldiers singing; he speaks of the German people as "tired as few people in the world have ever been tired without breaking down."

To maintain their spirit at all it is necessary for the Nazis to give the Germans at home a rose-coloured view of the German behaviour abroad. The Nazis, therefore, who use films in neutral countries to show how ruthless they are to peoples who resist them use films at home to show how considerate is their conduct.

It would be idle to expect the war to come to an end because the German people are tired, bearing the burden of exhausting years and disappointed hopes. But the state of mind of Germany would become important once a movement of liberation began in Europe. The Germans are hated in every country. This is not less true of Italy, the ally of the Nazis, than of those peoples who are their victims. If once the bitter detestation and longing for vengeance bred by the Nazi system found an opportunity, Germany would have to withstand a great popular force. An army crossing Europe would collect behind it and in front of it all this great submerged power created by brutal exploitation.

To the Germans at home the discovery of all this passionate hatred would come as a shock, for no people has been taught so successfully to believe what it is told. In this way the Nazis are undermining their own power of resistance. So long as victories seem to vindicate the judgment of their rulers they will put up with great disappointment and severe hardship. But if some great demand is made on their courage and resolution, the col-



When Smith Yates prepared this cartoon yesterday the intention was to stress how Hitler was piling up stacks of trouble which would go off under him one day. Young King Peter's dramatic coup seems to have blown up the Yugoslavian barrel under Ribbentrop!

Is Victory In Sight?

By
John Gordon

More and more you will find a hint creeping into the speeches of British Cabinet Ministers that this year will bring us victory.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Minister for Air, has just said it very cautiously, but still unmistakably. A day or two earlier Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and one of the most dynamic figures in the War Council, said it very emphatically. Even Mr. Churchill's speeches have been vibrant with a new optimism.

When men in such a high position express such high hopes, the ordinary citizen accepts them as prophets.

The people feel the tide of war is going with them. Their confidence is now as great as their pride in themselves. They sense and see the tremendous change that has come over the situation in the past few months. They take it for granted that the rest of the world sees that change as well.

One of the things that has heartened them most is the fact that the R.A.F. has now begun heavy daylight raiding on Germany and countries occupied by Germans. That is a tremendously important development. For day-

lapse of their faith in this Nazi doctrine that Germany is giving Europe final peace, the discovery of the immense unsuspected volume of anti-German passion among the peoples of the world, would put a great strain on their endurance. The sudden failure of nerve which ended the last war is significant. It is significant, too, that observers state that Germans are already reminding themselves that in that war Germany seemed to be winning until the last moment.

light raiding has been proved to be the only sort of raiding that can produce real results. It is only in daylight that you can get real precision. By night there is too much haphazard luck about it.

Now the Germans knew that before the war began. They never troubled to train themselves in night raiding which requires an entirely different technique and different qualities. They never expected to be forced into night raiding.

Unfortunately for their plans the R.A.F. swept them out of the British skies when they came in daylight. They had to stop day raiding because their losses were so high that if it had continued the Luftwaffe would have been destroyed entirely. Such raids as we have in daylight now are little tip and run affairs to which no one pays any attention.

The fact that the R.A.F. has now begun to raid by day as well as night shows that at last the strength is there. And significantly enough, at the same time we are beginning to bring down night bombers every night. Great things will happen this spring. We know it.

Even the worst of night raids—and some of them are still very bad—seems now to have very little effect on British people. Women, and men too, who a year ago would have rushed to a shelter at the first sound of an air alert, now sleep in their beds and go about their business quite unperturbed.

The tragedies that happen do not daunt them. They have quite the opposite effect. They stiffen them. Yet some of these tragedies are deeply moving.

Great squads of soldiers have been working in one of the largest bomb craters yet made in London. A heavy bomb penetrated a London subway in which many people were sheltering. How many is

not known and may never be known.

Strangely enough the bomb caused very little havoc on the surface. In fact I do not think it broke a single window in a surrounding building. But it brought down the roof of the subway on the shelterers.

Most of the shelters of London are as safe as shelters can be. But sometimes the millionth chance comes off. It did so the other day in one suburban shelter under a shop. A bomb by sheer fate fell into the only ventilator, just three feet wide, and destroyed the shelter.

These pranks of fate in air raids are something fantastic. The other night the porter of a London club was sitting in his little wooden reception box, with a cup of tea in his hand, when he heard a bomb falling.

Instinctively he ducked behind the flimsy wooden partition. The bomb wrecked the building but by some queer chance not his box. When the debris had finished falling he straightened himself up and found that he still had his cup of tea unspilt in his hand. So he drank it.

It is a significant sign of the way Londoners now regard air raids that in the last month the number of people sleeping in the Tubes, which are regarded as shelters, has fallen from 177,500 a night to 91,000. People now prefer their beds.

Perhaps another good sign of the spirit of the people is a notice that hangs outside a Chapel in the battered East End: "If your knee knock, kneel on them."

Let me end with one other story which reflects the "tells up" spirit of the R.A.F. It is a story that is going the rounds of the R.A.F. Messes. A pilot, seeing 50 Messerschmidt fighters in front of him, looked round to find that he had become separated from his squadron and was flying alone.

A voice came from his radio. It was his Chief speaking from the ground.

"Have you engaged the enemy?" the voice asked.

"No," replied the pilot. "They're just going to engage me."

He brought down three of the enemy in quick succession and the Chief called it a day and sent him home.

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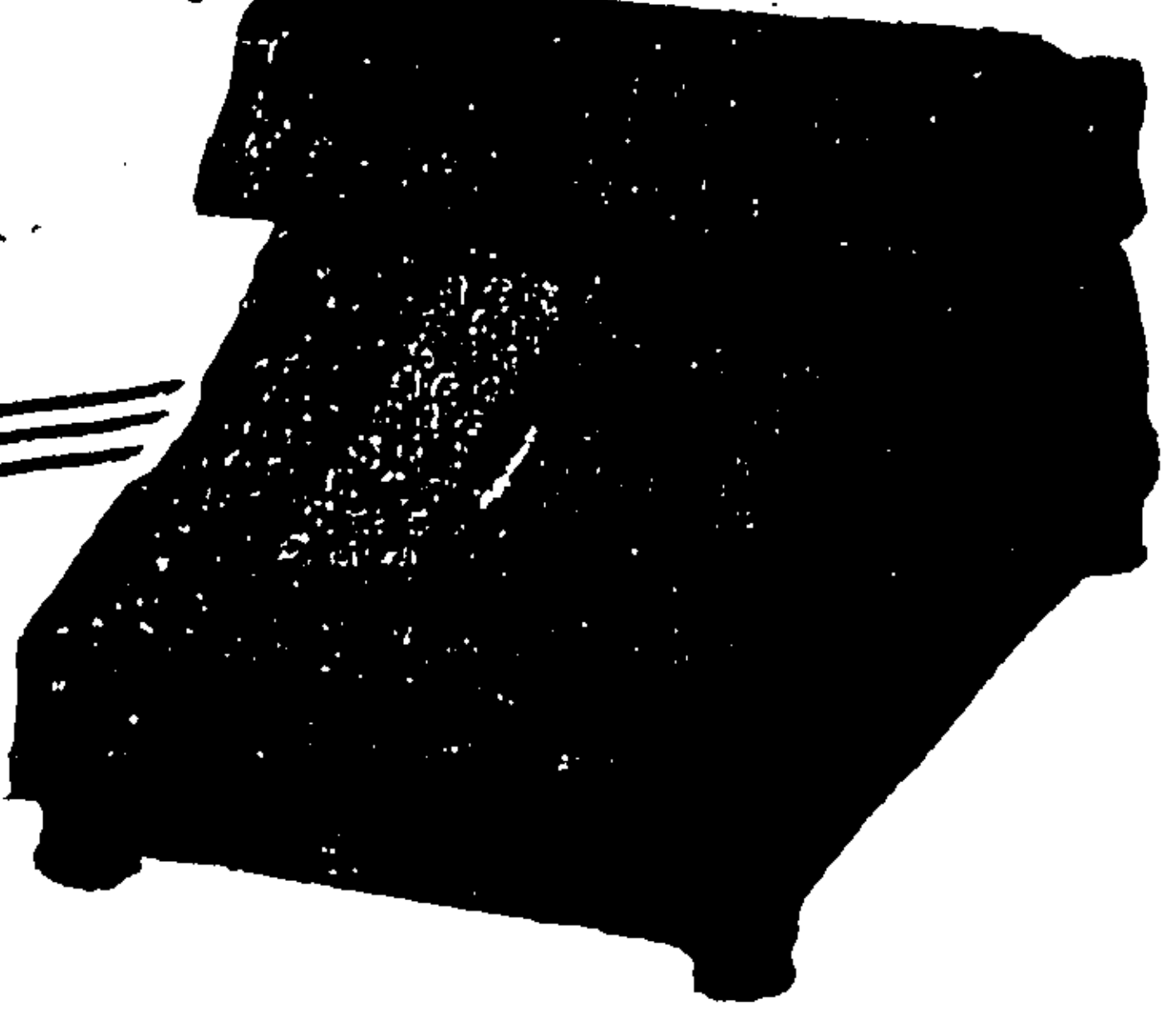
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The fateful period was that between August 8 last year and October 31 and the full story amply corroborates Mr. Churchill's famous testimony to the Royal Air Force: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

In contrast to all previous major world contests, with the roar of guns, the flash of shells, fountains of erupting earth—in this battle the only outward sign was the pattern of white vapour trails four and five, sometimes six miles above the ground, by aircraft flying at over 300 miles an hour like tiny diamond specks in the sunlight, while the population continued their normal activities, ignorant of the tremendous issues being decided upstairs.

In a few days, the southern towns of England and the capital of the Empire itself were, the Germans planned, to suffer the fate of Warsaw and Rotterdam and the war was to be ended.

Told Statistically

How the plan of daylight air conquest was frustrated and the enemy took to the cover of the night before throwing in the sponge is told statistically.

At the outset, the Germans sank five ships and damaged five more sailing in coastal convoys.

In London, they did considerable damage to the docks, to various famous buildings and they destroyed some thousands of houses.

Civilian Casualties

During the daylight phase of the blitzkrieg air offensive, they

killed 1,700 persons, nearly all of them civilians, and seriously wounded 3,360.

At night, 12,581 were killed and 10,956 injured, but at the end of the 84 days (compared with the 37 days the Germans took to overrun the Netherlands, Belgium and France), they not only failed to destroy the R.A.F. fighter squadrons (which were actually stronger at the end of the battle than at the beginning), but their failure meant the defeat of the formidable Luftwaffe and of the carefully designed strategic plan on which Mr. Adolf Hitler had set his mind—the invasion of Britain.

Enormous Losses

The Luftwaffe which, as Goebbels said on the eve of the battle,

DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON COAST

Some activity by enemy aircraft in the coastal regions during daylight yesterday is reported in an Air Ministry communique.

Single aircraft in the morning dropped bombs in a south-east coast town.

Houses were damaged but nobody was killed or seriously injured.

In the early afternoon an aircraft dropped bombs in a south coast district, causing a number of casualties, including several killed, and damage to buildings.—Reuter.

had "prepared the conquest of the last enemy, England," did its utmost and paid very heavily for the attempt.

In these 84 days, 2,376 German aircraft were destroyed in daylight. This figure takes no account of those destroyed at night-time or those seen, by the thousand, staggering back to their bases.

This victory was, however, not achieved without cost and it is now announced that the Royal Air Force lost 375 pilots killed and 358 wounded in the same period.—Reuter.

HITLER AND MR. MATSUOKA TALK FOR HOURS

HITLER RECEIVED Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in the new Chancellery, says the official German news agency, and besides Ribbentrop, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin (General Oshima), the German Ambassador in Tokyo (General Ott) and Meissner, head of the presidential chancellery, were present.

Doernberg, the Chief of Protocol, accompanied Mr. Matsuoka from the Bellevue Palace, and, the agency adds, the Berlin population gave the Japanese visitor "an enthusiastic reception."

GAS WAR WOULD BRING REPRISALS

The British Government is taking steps to ensure that the whole population is in a full state of preparedness against gas attacks.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, assured the Commons yesterday that Britain will in no circumstances be the first to use gas but the Germans' record showed they would stop at nothing.

In reply to a question whether that statement meant Britain would retaliate if the enemy used it first, Mr. Morrison invited the House to draw their own conclusions.

Hitler's bodyguard rendered military honours in the hall of the Chancellery.

The Hitler-Matsuoka meeting lasted two and a half hours.

According to the official German news agency "all current questions were dealt with in an atmosphere of cordial friendship."

After the meeting the Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said: "The principle of preventing an expansion of the war in accordance with the Tripartite Pact was confirmed."

Scope Of War

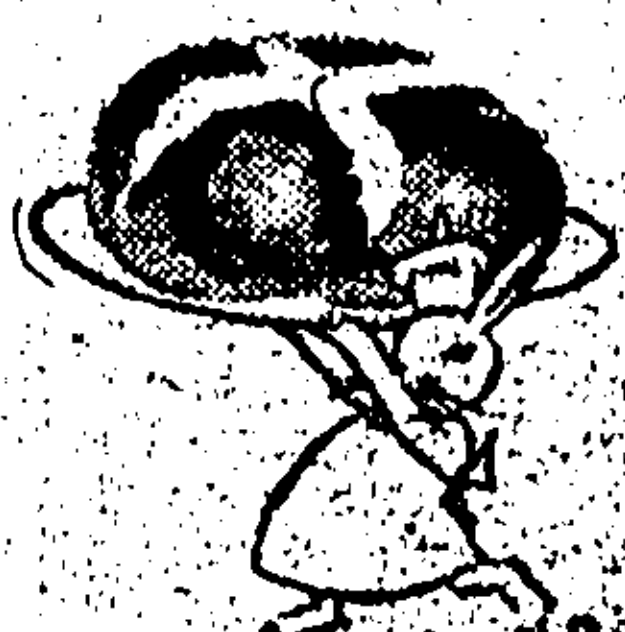
This applied, he said, to the East as well as the West. Anyone entering the war must be regarded as an enemy of the "great allied powers."

Questioned by foreign journalists the spokesman added: "It is difficult to separate diplomatic from military affairs. To-day's talk covered the scope of the whole war against Britain."

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JAPAN'S FIVE NEW DEMANDS ON INDO-CHINA

FRESH JAPANESE DEMANDS ON FRENCH INDO-CHINA ARE GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE OFFICIAL "CENTRAL DAILY NEWS" IN CHUNGKING.

The paper says Japan is demanding: First, that French Indo-China join the "East Asia sphere of mutual prosperity."

N.E.I. TRAINING AIRMEN

Since 1939 the Flying Clubs in Neth. Indies have been busy training sport flyers at a fee of 5 guilders per hour. These members, after having obtained their brevet, are enlisted in the Air Force Reserve and at regular intervals receive a short training with the Army on active service as second pilot, gunner, etc.

The Air Force Reserve already comprises some hundreds of members. It has been found, however, that a vast number of young men who would be a welcome addition to the Force, cannot join this valuable training because total costs approximating a hundred guilders prove to be beyond the financial capacity of many.

For this reason the Batavia Flying Club has established the "Vrijwillig Vlieger Corps" (Voluntary Flying Corps) for the purpose of training flyers, mechanics, marconists and ground crew without any expense to the trainees. In this way it is hoped to acquire a much greater number of trained men for the Air Force Reserve than seemed possible heretofore.

At the end of this year the Neth. Indies Air Force will have a number of planes running into four figures.

The Army is doing its utmost and daily training proceeds on every available air field. Thousands of men will be necessary to man this mighty fleet. The reserves, however, should be forthcoming from the civilians and thus the V.V.C. will be a sure step nearer to this purpose.

There is now a chance for every able bodied and healthy young man who could be trained in his spare time.

In this manner Neth. Indies strengthens herself for the defence of the Netherlands Flag in this territory, even though the mother country has been overrun by the Dictators.

U.S. BRASS HATS WATCH US FIGHT

The United States Government has a very good idea of how Britain is waging war against the Nazi.

The Army has sent twenty-six high ranking officers to Great Britain since last July to obtain data on weapons and technique of modern warfare; it is disclosed in Washington.

An official list shows that five generals, six colonels, ten majors and five captains, representing practically every branch of the Army, have been sent to Britain since July.

Returning air observers reported that the British gave them access to practically all material they sought.

Second, the signing of an Indo-China-Japan commercial treaty by which the import duty would be reduced on Japanese goods which would be given most-favoured nation treatment.

Third, Japan to be allowed to station 2,000 troops, and also warships, in Saigon Bay.

Fourth, forts in Camranh Bay to be leased to Japan for a period of 15 years.

Fifth, no restriction on the number of Japanese troops stationed in areas north of Haiphong.

Sixth, Japan to be allowed to develop waste land in Indo-China.

Thai Airfields

The Chinese daily also claims that Japan is demanding the use of air-fields in north-west Thailand.

Though Thailand declined to accept the demand, it is stated that one squadron of Japanese planes for a Thai air-field is taking off from Formosa. — Reuter.

USED TO RAID NOISE

Millions of Government-provided ear plugs are lying unused in A.R.P. posts.

In some districts wardens have issued ear plugs to the people in their areas, but most local authorities have decided it is not worth while handing them out to people who have long ago got used to the noise of air raids.

"Generally speaking, ear plugs are being issued only where people ask for them," it was stated at the Ministry of Home Security. "But most people want to hear what's going on, so that they can duck if they hear a bomb whistle."

WHITEHALL WASTERS

More effective machinery to stop victimisation, waste and dishonesty in connection with Government contracts is advocated by Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P. for Chislehurst, Kent.

In a question to the Prime Minister he urges that as the Select Committee on National Expenditure have no authority to punish persons found guilty of acts of victimisation, waste and dishonesty, "such cases should be heard before a court of law or other tribunal."

DARLAN STORY IN ITS TRUE PERSPECTIVE

THE OFFICIAL, though unwilling disclosure in Vichy that the recent transfer of wheat from French occupied to the unoccupied zone — wheat released as "gift" by the Germans from supplies requisitioned in France — were part of a barter arrangement creates no surprise in London.

It has always been realised that any such transfer will, in accordance with Nazi economic policy, inevitably benefit Germany at the expense of plundered France.

The occupied zone, according to Vichy, is to send to the unoccupied zone 800,000 tons of wheat, 200,000 tons of sugar, 100,000 tons of bran, 300,000 tons of potatoes.

In exchange, the unoccupied zone will send to the occupied zone, 100,000 head of cattle, 600,000 head of small livestock, 600,000 calves and hogs, 30,000 tons of table oil, 100,000 tons of salt, 60,000 tons of fresh vegetables, 8,000 tons of cheese and a large quantity of wine.

The hollowness of Admiral Darlan's pretensions when, on March 10, he announced that Germany had presented wheat to France and stated "You see the Germans are more generous than the English" is further illustrated by reliable information reaching London concerning the transport of goods over the French railways during the month ended January 15.

Figures Tell

The transport programme covers goods carried from the unoccupied as well as the occupied zone to Germany or other German occupied territory, and includes large freights of material, of which Germany stands in urgent need as well as those with which she has stated she is plentifully supplied.

In the former category are, for instance, 45,000 tons of lead, 17,250 tons of leather, 28,165 tons of slaughtered cattle (20,765 tons for the German army), 5,625 tons of cotton, 6,750 tons of whale oil.

In the latter category are 7,500 tons of bauxite, 9,300 tons of aluminium, 38,272 tons of flour and 75,000 tons of grain.

An interesting item is coffee of which 8,000 tons have been carried from unoccupied France to Central Germany.

It will be recalled that a German

many recently made great play of the presentation of 300 tons of "ersatz" coffee to France.

Such figures underline afresh the one-sided nature of "collaboration" forced on France by her Nazi masters.—British Wire- less.



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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
COOK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

FAILURE TO JUMP By The Four Aces

"What error," asks a Hartford, Conn., reader, "was committed in the bidding of this hand?"

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A K J 3
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ J 8 6 2
 ♣ A 8 5

♠ Q 10 9
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K 7 3

♠ 8 7 4 2
 ♥ J 6 5 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 10 9 4 8

♠ —
 ♥ A K Q 8 2
 ♦ A Q 10 9 4
 ♣ 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	1dbl.	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"Had the diamond finesse worked, South would have made a Grand Slam, and even though the finesse lost, he made a Small Slam. He maintains that failure to bid the Slam must be laid at North's door because North failed to realise the importance of the black Aces and strong diamond support. North maintains that South might have bid the same way if he had lacked both red Aces. Who is right?"

The error in the bidding must be charged to South. North's penalty double of one spade was perfectly proper, but South was justified in refusing to let it stand. South's bid of two diamonds, however, was not the best choice. Such a bid indicated a red two-suiter, with only a meagre amount of high-card strength. Because of that inference, it was never possible for North to bid a Slam.

South should have bid three diamonds to show that the hand was an excellent one despite the inability to "stand for" a double of one spade. Then North would have realised that his high cards in the black suits would guarantee South against loss except in the red suits (for South would be marked with at least ten red cards). And the jump bid would indicate the strength of the red suits; so North might explore Grand Slam possibilities but would make sure of getting to at least a Small Slam.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burastone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:



♠ K J 9 7 3
 ♥ K 10 4
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

Burastone	Schenken	Yee	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. You are strong enough to make a try for game and should suggest to your partner a choice between the major suits. The diamond weakness makes a rebid in no-trump unwise.

Score 100% for three hearts, 80% for three spades, 40% for two no-trump, 30% for four spades.

Question No. 676

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ A 10 6 3

The bidding:

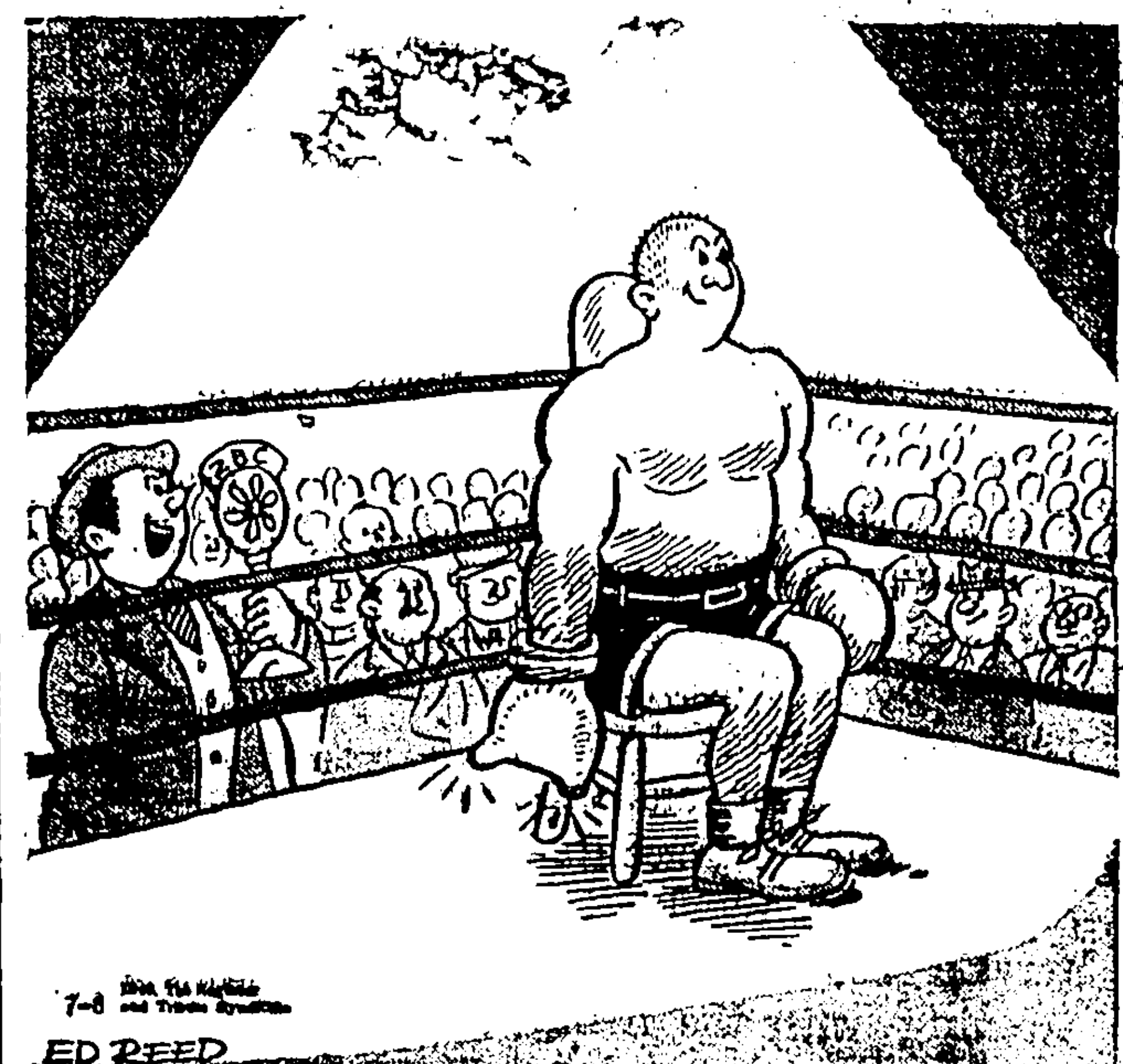
Schenken	Master	Yee	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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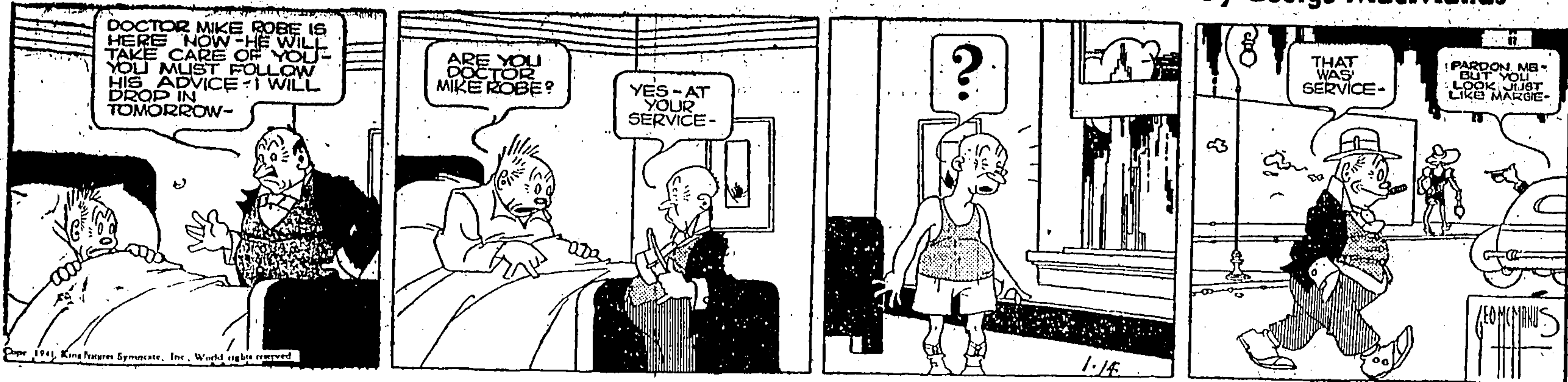
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Schumann—Fantasia in C Major, Op. 17.
1st Mov. In modo fantastico—Alla leggenda—Tempo primo; 2nd Mov. Moderato. Sempre energico; 3rd Mov. Andante sostenuto. William Backhaus (Piano).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Tony Martin (Vocal). Whistling Gipsy (from 'Command Performance'); There's A Gold Mine in the Sky (Kenny); Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal. Rhythm of the Waves (Stewart & Others); The Island of Maui Hula (Johnson & Noble); Tony Martin with Marnie Klein & His Swing-a-Hulas. The Whispering Waltz (Damerell, Evans); A Cafe in the Moonlight (Connelly); Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal. The Creaking Old Mill on the Creek (Rose & Others); Tony Martin with Orchestra 'Carry On' Melodies—Intro: Pack up your troubles; There's a long long trail; Take me back to dear old Blighty; It's a long way to Tipperary; Keep the home fires burning; Hello, hello, who's your lady friend?; Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—John Boss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea Shanties.
Blow the Man down; Tom's Gone to Hilo (arr. Terry); Agincourt; Here's a Health unto his Majesty; Ten Thousand Miles Away (William); Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry); Shenandoah (arr. Terry).

2.00 p.m.—Marcel Palotti at the Organ. Jan Klepura Film Melodies. Intro: My Song for You; My Heart is Calling; I love them all; My Heart is Calling; Tell me To-night. Musica Proibita (Castaldon). La Danza (Rossini).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
Waltzes—You Made Me Care; Roses are Blooming in Loveland... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Swing Fox-Trots—Make Believe; I'll Always Be in Love With You... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—What Goes Up Must Come Down; Don't Worry 'Bout Me (both from 'Cotton Club

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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

My Favourites. Intro: The Man I Love; Margie; My heart stood still; Gulliver's Travels Selection.

Hong Kong Haggis (Rossborough).

7.40 p.m.—Studio—Talk on the Rotary Flag Day by His Honour Sir Athol MacGregor.

7.46 p.m.—Student Songs.

Little Brown Jug; The Three Crows (Eastburn); The Marmalade; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W.H.M.).

Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus. My Old Shako (Barron & Trotter); Malcolm McEachern (Bass) with Piano, Clementine; Solomon Levi; There's A Tavern in the Town; John Peel.

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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—The King's Navee; Klondyke Kate; Jack Jackson & His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—If I Had A Million Dollars; Quickstep—All The Things You Are; Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—A Motor Tour Through The Balkans—Talk by Mr. B. E. Sugars.

8.35 p.m.—Variety.

Orch.—In An Eighteenth Century Drawing Room (Scott); Albert Sandler & His Orchestra. Vocal—Begin the Beguine (Cole Porter); The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra.

Orch.—Summer Evening in Santa Cruz (Payan & Hartley); Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.

Vocal & Piano—A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square (from 'New Faces'); I've Got My Eyes on You (film 'Broadway Melody of 1940').

Turner Layton, Accordion Band—Accordeon Nights—Medley. Intro: Changing of the Guard; Consolation You; Home; Rio de Janeiro; When the Rest of the Crowd Goes Home; I Can't Get Mississippi off my Mind; Lies...Gerald & His Accordeon Band. Vocal—It Had To Be You (Kahn-Jones); Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Wagner's 'The Valkyrie'. Arranged by Leopold Stokowski; Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) as Wotan.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Correspondence Column by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The 'Pathétique').

1st Mov: Adagio-Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Allegro con grazia; 3rd Mov: Allegro molto vivace; 4th Mov: Adagio lamentoso-Andante.... Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

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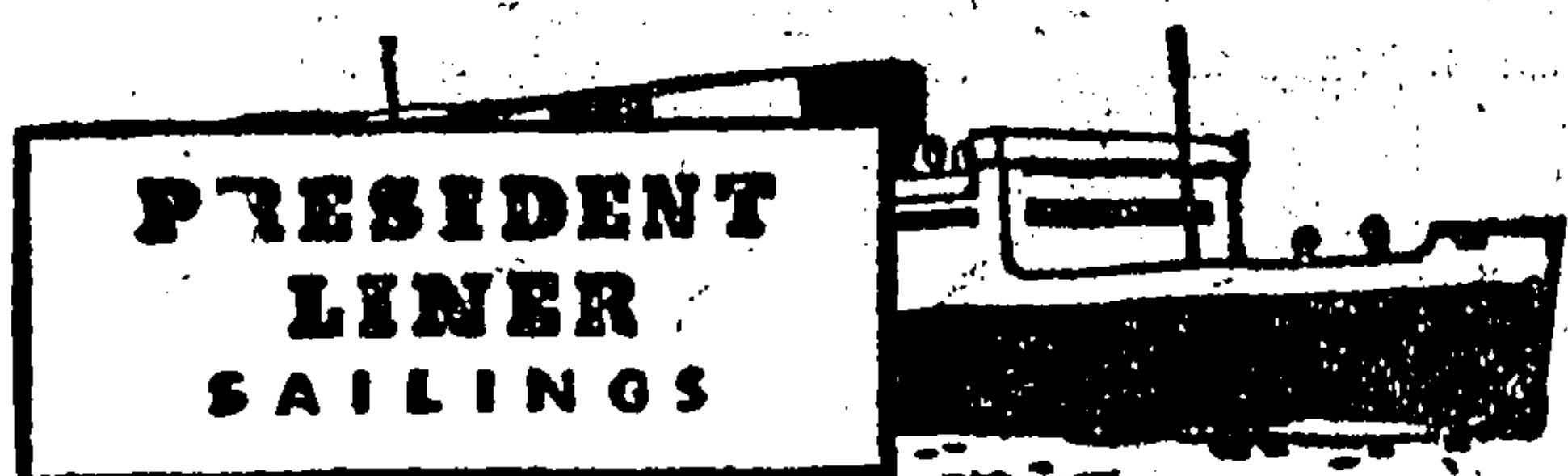
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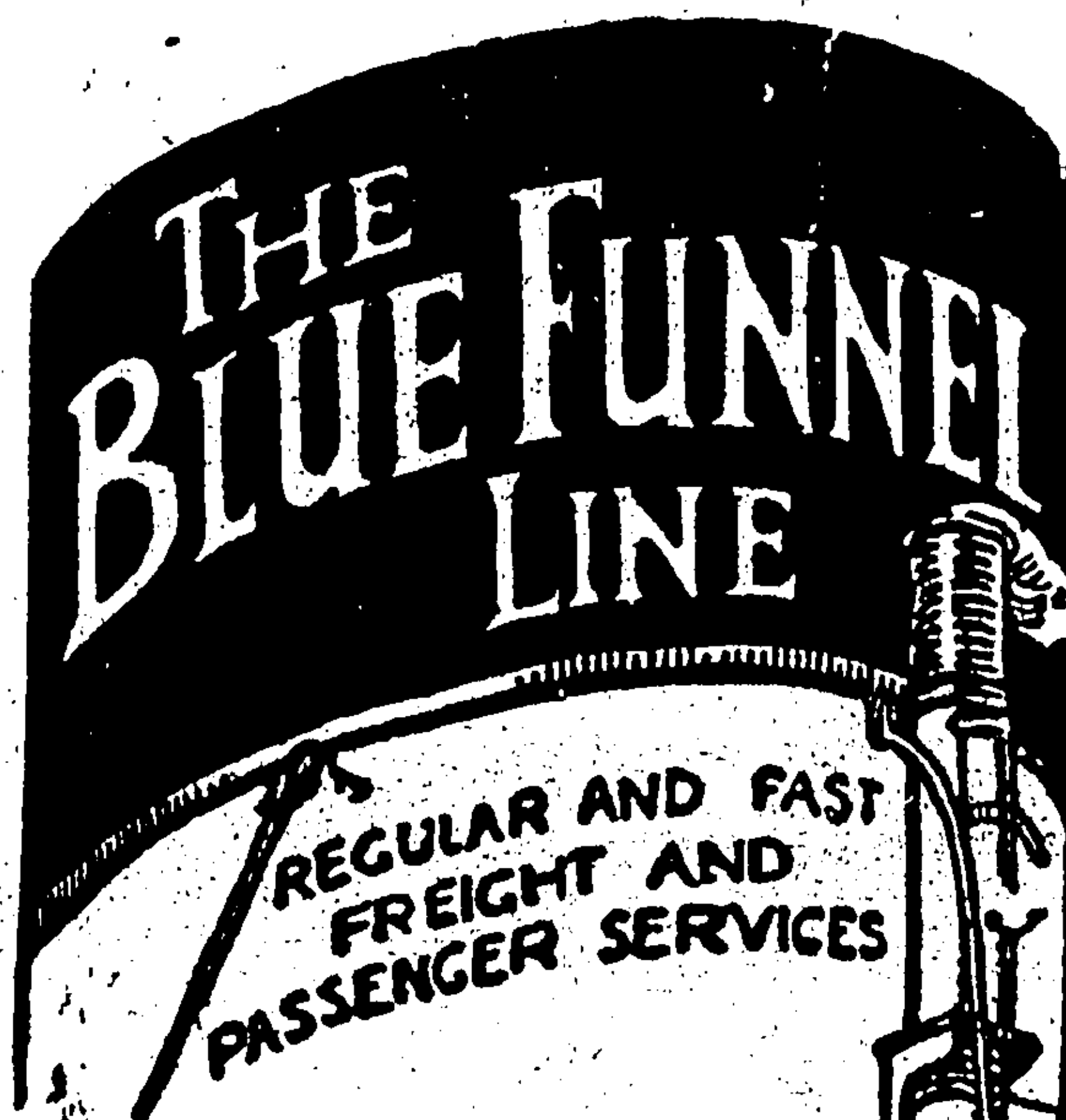
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MESSAGE RATE SERVICE FOR H.K.'S TELEPHONES?

Issue Under Discussion

A HINT THAT the introduction of a form of message rate service is engaging the attention of the management of the Hong Kong Telephone Company was given by Mr. J. Scott Harston, presiding this morning at the annual meeting of shareholders.

Payment of a final dividend of \$1 per share making 14 per cent. for the year was approved.

Before proceeding to analyse the Accounts, I will take the opportunity of referring to several matters of general interest to shareholders. In the first place I have to report with regret the retirement on February 14th, 1941, of Mr. J. H. Taggart, O.B.E., from the position of managing director. As you are perhaps aware, Mr. Taggart had been in indifferent health for some considerable time, and the continued deterioration thereof made it imperative for him to leave the East as soon as travelling facilities could be obtained. Your directors had hoped that Mr. Taggart would postpone his resignation pending a return to normal health, but he himself felt, having regard to medical advice, that he ought to retire forthwith from active participation in the affairs of your Company, and your board, therefore, had no option but to regretfully accept his resignation.

Progressive Results

It is fitting that I should like this opportunity of recording the deep sense of loss which your directors feel at the departure of Mr. Taggart. As you no doubt are aware, it was Mr. Taggart who conducted negotiations for the formation of your Company in 1925, and it was he who was primarily responsible for bringing such negotiations to a successful conclusion. The progressive results submitted to shareholders each year since the inception of the Company, bear ample testimony to his outstanding business acumen and devotion to duty, and I feel sure you will desire to associate yourselves with the sentiments I have just expressed, coupled with the hope that Mr. Taggart will soon be restored to normal good health.

In view of the invaluable nature of Mr. Taggart's services to the Company, your directors unanimously decided to vote him a retiring allowance of \$50,000, which I am confident you will readily recognise was only fitting in the circumstances.

Mr. Sherry's New Post

Consequently upon Mr. Taggart's retirement, your board appointed your Manager, Mr. J. P. Sherry, to succeed Mr. Taggart as Managing Director. Mr. Sherry has been with your Company and its predecessors in business for some 22 years, of which 15 have been spent in the capacity of manager, and is, therefore, fully qualified to fill the position.

Speaking from the chair at the last annual meeting, I referred to the steps which had been taken in the placing of a contract for extensions to your main automatic exchange plants to provide for future growth; and indicated that although advice then to hand promised deliveries in accordance with the terms of the contract, it was impossible to predict what effect war conditions would have thereon. In fact, serious delays have already occurred and although the manufacturers are doing their utmost to speed up deliveries, there are obvious reasons why the desired results have not been achieved.

All that can be done is being done, but in the meantime, your Company is unable to satisfy the demand for additional service.

The shortage of equipment has led to extremely heavy overloading of existing lines, and this constitutes a very grave danger to the service as a whole as well as making the work of your staff much more exacting than is normally desirable. I would appeal,

therefore, to subscribers to restrict the use of their telephones as much as possible during those periods of the day when the business load is at its peak, and, in particular, to take such steps as are possible to restrain their servants and non-subscribers from indiscriminate use of the telephone service.

A Mistake

It is a mistake for subscribers to imagine that it will cost them nothing to allow non-subscribers to use their telephones, as the cost of providing service increases in proportion to the number of calls made.

Traffic observations carried out over an extended period show that in the interest of telephone subscribers, the time has come when a form of message rate service must be considered, and this matter is now engaging the attention of your Management.

In this relation, I would point out that Hong Kong is one of the very few remaining telephone systems of any magnitude which continues to operate on a flat rate basis. Furthermore, "message rate" service provides the only practical solution to the "wrong number" problem.

Notwithstanding higher operating costs, your Company is endeavouring to keep subscription rates at their present low level, and hopes to be able to continue to do so, as your Directors feel that if this can be achieved, it affords a practical, if indirect, method of helping the general war effort.

Equipment Lacking

In accordance with the consistently progressive policy adopted by your Company, plans were prepared for the establishment of subsidiary automatic exchanges at Repulse Bay and Stanley to take care of the rapid development in these districts, but although the buildings were completed some time ago, the equipment has not yet been received from England. Information regarding shipments is not very positive in these times, but latest advices tend to show that manufacture had reached the stage where completion seemed probable at an early date.

Trunk service with Canton remains suspended, and there appears to be no immediate prospect of this service being re-established. In the meantime, it has been deemed advisable to take up, for safe custody, those sections of the trunk cable which are in close proximity to the border of Chinese territory.

Radiophone

Radio telephone service also continues to be suspended although your Board think it might well be argued that under existing circumstances the resumption of the service to, say, Manila, would prove beneficial both from the Government and commercial standpoints. The fact that direct radio telephone service has recently been established between Manila and Australia would seem to corroborate this view.

During the year under review, your Company, in conformity with the terms of the Telephone Amendment Ordinance 1940, provided the Government with an Automatic Exchange with a capacity for 500 lines, free of rental charges. The bulk of the lines on the Government telephone system in Hong Kong were duly transferred to the new system, and the resultant improvement in the service became immediately apparent. It is the

present intention that your Company should take over the balance of the lines which are still maintained by Government, as soon as this can be arranged. However, the further modernisation of the Government system cannot be proceeded with until the necessary new equipment is available.

Higher Profits

Turning now to the Accounts, it will be seen that the balance from Working Account is \$38,120.62 higher than that for the previous financial year. The item "Profit on Sale of Investment" relates mainly to the result of the sale in May 1940 of your Shanghai investments. Your Board considered it wise, having regard to the then existing conditions, and taking into account future probabilities, to liquidate your Shanghai holdings, and subsequent events have, as I think you will agree, justified the action taken.

Referring to the Debit side of Profit & Loss Account, Royalties at \$296,453.73 represent the result of a full year's working under the Telephone Amendment Ordinance, and are \$23,901.76 in excess of the amount paid to Government in respect of the year 1939. Corporation Profits Tax appears in the Accounts for the first time in the substantial sum of \$86,697.40. Depreciation is on the same scale as in the previous year, and the final result shows an increase in the net profit for the year carried to the balance sheet of \$23,705.78.

Capital Reserve

Turning to Profit & Loss Appropriation Account, it will be observed that, subject to your approval, a Capital Reserve Fund is proposed in the sum of \$92,577.00, thus bringing the total amount at credit of this account to \$706,404.43.

I now come to the Balance Sheet, which I submit, reflects the soundness of the policy underlying the administration of your business—which latter continues to display the financial strength and stability which investors have come to regard as synonymous with your undertaking. Investments show an appreciation of \$157,021.78 over market value as at 31st December, 1940, and the Cash position must be a source of gratification to all Shareholders. It should of course be borne in mind that the cash balance would have been substantially reduced had shipments of the new automatic exchange equipments come forward as originally anticipated.

Before concluding my remarks, I would like to pay tribute to your staff, of all grades, whose loyal cooperation has made it possible to present you with such satisfactory results on the financial year under review.

After the accounts had been passed and the business of the Meeting completed, the Chairman announced that Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Registered Office of the Company.

At an extraordinary General meeting which followed, the Chairman said:—Having regard to the expansion of your business, it has been deemed necessary to increase the maximum number of your Directors from 8 to 10. This requires an alteration to Article No. 95 with a consequential amendment to Article No. 101 limiting the action of Directors if at any time the number falls below 6 instead of 4; and the special resolution now before you is framed for the purpose of giving effect to the proposed amendments. I would add that the consent of the Governor-in-Council to these amendments has already been obtained. I now formally propose, as a Special Resolution, that the Articles of Association be amended in accordance with the terms of the Notice to Members, dated 5th March, 1941, a copy of which has been signed by myself as Chairman for purposes of identification, and I shall be obliged if a Shareholder will second this. Mr. Chow Ping-ung seconded. Carried unanimously.

The appointment of Messrs. D. C. Edmondston and P. H. Suckling, who have been invited to fill the two additional seats on the Board, was confirmed.

Those present included Mr. J. Scott Harston, (Chairman), the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the

THIS IS REAL COURAGE

(By A Special Correspondent)

SHE CALLS THEM Phyllis and John. And when the stumps, all that is left of her legs, begin to hurt Mary Taylor, seventeen, smiles and talks to them.

"Oh dear, Phyllis, I wish you would stop aching," she says. "Now John, do be quiet."

Although Mary faces life without legs, amputated after a train accident, she laughs—and the world is laughing with her.

She has a soldier sweetheart.

And she has vowed to walk to meet him when he returns home from the East.

Mary is to devote her life to children. She lost her legs while bringing happiness to her brothers and sisters.

So it is fitting that the children of Pilsley, Derbyshire, are giving their Saturday's pennies to buy new legs for Mary.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Taylor. Her father is a miner. Mary is one of their family of ten children. The youngest is not yet two. Five are still at school.

For years the Taylors, through unemployment, had a hard struggle.

When Mary became maid at a Nottingham hospital, she made life happier for her brothers and sisters.

Her arms were loaded with Christmas gifts for them when she fell from the railway platform at Pilsley and was injured. Mary joked about Phyllis and John then I saw her recently.

"I got so sick of calling them stumps that I decided to give them Christian names," she said. "All the nurses and the doctors now ask me how John and Phyllis are getting along, and my answer to-day is, 'Very well indeed, thank you.'"

Loves Babies

"I have always loved children," she added, "and as soon as I left school I went to work at a maternity hospital in Nottingham."

"Though I was only a maid, I helped to look after all the tiny babies."

"I made up my mind to work hard and perhaps they would have let me learn to be a nurse."

"Don't you think I have given up the idea of being a nurse because I am going to have some new legs soon?"

"I think I should like to be with crippled children, so that I can cheer them up by telling them how I made jokes about my John and Phyllis."

But Mary's new legs will cost about £80—a fortune to the Taylor family.

Already many gifts have been sent to Mary in hospital. The miners have started a fund.

YUGOSLAVIA LIVENS STOCK MARKET

The Yugoslav developments dispelled an early drooping tendency on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and caused a general cheerful sentiment together with a larger volume of business. Interest continues to be mainly centred in gilt-edged which advanced strongly, with war loan closing at a new high level. Home rails were also a good feature while industrials recovered from early small declines. Kaifirs met with Cape and local buying while oils encountered more activity.—Reuter.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. D. C. Edmondston, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, C. M. G., Messrs. D. H. Blake, L. J. Davies, P. H. Suckling, (Directors) Mr. J. P. Sherry (Managing Director) Messrs. A. Yaswani, Wong Miu Hin, Wong Chi Po, C. Hatt, A. N. Braudo, D. Tolan, W. G. Griffin, Chow Ping Un, and Chua Seng Choo (Shareholders).

Mary's sweetheart is Eric, a soldier serving in the East.

When he returns she will want those legs more than anything else in the world.

She knows that she will walk to meet him.

For she has been told that soon a woman will call to see her.

Thanks to a Derbyshire doctor will go across to her bedside and say, "I was like you once Mary but I can walk now. You will do the same."

And Mary is certain that Phyllis and John will help her.

HER JOB IS TOO EASY!

Because she felt that she was taking money for nothing, a girl book-keeper has thrown up a Government job.

She worked for the Milk Marketing Board at Thames Ditton for £2 18s. a week, plus war bonus. With overtime, she often earned more than £5 a week.

She wrote to the Kingston Employment Committee: "I was there for three weeks and I can honestly say that, during that time, I did not do more than one day's work."

She stated, that there were "smoking times" from 10.45 to 11 a.m., and from 3.45 to 4 p.m.

"Half an hour after the girls arrived at the office, tea and coffee were brought round," she added.

The first application for unemployment benefit was rejected.

LOCAL SHARES

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1335 b.
Bank of East Asia \$70 b.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$222½ b.
Union Ins. \$430 b.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$181 b., \$186 s., \$183 sa.
SHIPPING
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$80 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. and K. Wharves \$86 b., X.D.
H.K. Docks (Old) \$15½ b., X.D.
Providents \$5¼ b.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H.K. and S. Hotels \$3.15 b.
H.K. Lands \$31.90 b.
Humphreys \$6.70 b.
H.K. Realities \$3 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$16.30 b., \$16½ sa.
Yamaty Ferries \$23¾ b., \$24¼ s.
China Lights (Old) \$6.20 b., \$6.20 sa.
China Lights (New) \$1¼ b.
H.K. Electrics (Old) C. Rts. \$39¾ b., \$39¾ sa.
Macao Electrics (Old) \$18¼ b.
Macao Electrics (New) \$17¼ b.
Telephones (Old) \$23¼ b., X.D. \$24¼ sa., C.D.
Telephones (New) \$8.85 b., X.D.
INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$17½ b., \$18 s., \$17.80 sa.
H.K. Ropes \$7.40 s.
STORES, &C.
Watsons \$9.70 b., X.D.
MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$7 b.
LAST DAY'S SALES
3 H.K. Banks @ \$1337½
5 H.K. Fire Ins. @ \$183
150 Trams @ \$10½
1688 Lights (Old) @ \$6.20
160 Electrics C. Rts. @ \$39¾
200 Telephones (Old) @ \$24¼
300 Cements @ \$17.80

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF H.K. CHARITIES

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, Limited, at noon to-day, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, presiding, supported by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mrs. E. C. Frederick (President), Mrs. C. W. Jeffries (Vice-President), Mrs. A. W. Compton (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. H. F. Sommers (Hon. Secretary), and Mrs. B. C. Grigor (Assistant Hon. Secretary).

Sir Atholl said: "Once again it is my privilege to preside at the Annual General Meeting of the Benevolent Society which for over 50 years has charged itself with the care of those not of Portuguese or Chinese race who are in poverty, distress or sickness."

It is always a pleasant task, but never more pleasant than it is this year, for the report which presently I shall ask you to adopt is a fine story of heroic effort in the face of very great difficulties. While the report and the accounts which accompany it show that that effort was crowned with success.

This has manifestly been a year of unusual difficulties. Just when our plans for a concerted drive for members and supporters had been cut and dried, and the campaign, judging from its early results, was assured of success, the evacuation came, and the Society found itself so short of helpers that at one time the room in Ice House Street could be opened only once a week. Everything had to be concentrated on the task of administering and distributing relief, and our constructive financial policy has had to mark time, and we have not yet the helpers to make it effective.

War's Effects

All that has meant that we have had less money to spend than we confidently expected we should have when the year began. Please don't misunderstand me. The last thing I want to suggest is that our appeal has not been generous. On the contrary the response of the public has been most heartening. BUT we had hoped to be able to have money to do so much more and we realise that with war raging over most of the world we cannot expect the same measure of generous public support that we always received in times of peace. The war has not only decreased and impaired many of our sources of income but it has greatly increased our inevitable expenditure, and that in two ways: first, because with rents and food prices so greatly increased the cost of bare relief has risen materially; and, secondly, because unemployment and distress consequent on war conditions have increased the number of those who rely on us for their sole means of livelihood.

111 New Cases

We have had no fewer than 111 new cases during the year, and many of the cases previously on our books still need care and help because of old age, poverty or sickness.

Our long range educational policy is manifestly proving its worth, and I am proud once more to acknowledge our deep sense of gratitude and indebtedness to the Directors of the Schools which so generously help us by concessions in the matter of fees. These schools are itemised on page 10 of the report. Without their generosity our efforts would be sadly hampered. I do not think I need go serialism through the matters dealt with in the report. It is a record of useful work well done, despite difficulties, and the Society has every reason to be proud of it.

During the year we have lost a most valued supporter in Mr. A. W. Hughes, who was always ready both with advice and with financial help. To Mrs. Hughes and him we extend our thanks and our cordial good-wishes for health and happiness in Australia. Surely it is not over-optimistic to express the hope that shortly there will arise someone who will assume the mantle of Mr. Hughes and help us as far as long he helped us.

Aspirations And Needs

Before I move the adoption of the report and accounts I want

to say a little about some matters in which the generous public, when they understand what our aspirations and our needs are, can, and, I feel confident, will help us.

The Society maintains a room in Kowloon which is always occupied. It is our earnest hope that room we shall be able to get a house, or at least a whole floor somewhere in Kowloon. Not only will this be an economy in the long run, for, as I have said, rents which we are paying for many men and women are high, but it will enable us to give those who we serve a far greater measure of privacy and self-respect than they have under existing conditions. It will give us the comforting knowledge that we have somewhere to which we can send cases just discharged from hospital, and it will considerably lessen our work in visiting the sick.

Won't some charitable landlord come to our assistance with either a whole house or a floor of a house? It would be a gift of inestimable value.

Simple Appeal

My second appeal is a simpler one. If the men of the colony would only send all their discarded clothes to the Society instead of giving them to their servants, one of our great problems would be virtually solved. Let us resolve, each one of us, to persuade all our men friends to send to the Society, or to the Y.M.C.A. or to Messrs. Kayamally, who act as collectors for us, every scrap of wearing apparel for which they have no further use.

I have mentioned the extent to which the Society is able to ensure a sound education for the children under its care. That however is not enough. It is most disheartening to find that when boys and girls leave school it is so difficult to find employment for them. In such circumstances it takes very few months of aimless existence to undo very much if not in fact all of the good that the discipline of school life has conferred. To the business men of the colony I appeal to apply to the Society whenever they have vacancies for beginners in clerical, office or outdoor work. We in turn will undertake to do our utmost to send to them really suitable applicants.

Last Appeal

My last appeal is to the Government of the Colony. Government gives us a generous annual donation and also lets us have the use of our room in Ice House Street free of all charge. Unfortunately, however, the building in which that room is situated has been condemned; the room is overrun with rats and is altogether a far from pleasant place in which to work. May we express the hope that when any accommodation in a government building in any similarly convenient locality is available the services which the Society renders to the poor of the Colony will be recognised in the grant of another room in which to carry on our work.

Word Of Cheer

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who followed, said:—

I have spoken at these annual meetings so often that I feel entitled to a place among the old cases on your books. My particular job, however, is to bring you a word of cheer from the world of commerce and to assure you that although there may not be many bouquets showered upon you there is nevertheless a deep sense of appreciation by business and professional men of the great service you are rendering to the community.

We realise that there is no political kudos to be gained from helping the lame ducks of the

foreign and Eurasian community. It is a grim business dealing with those who have previously lived in decent circumstances and it is often a heart-rending task trying to find a suitable niche for the misfits. But you have a tradition of more than half a century behind you and I feel confident that you in your neat costumes are as efficient and benevolent as the crinolined (or should I say bustled) ladies bountiful of the early eighties.

An Investment

I quite agree with the reference in the Report to Education. I can testify through my close connection with one of the Schools on your list that money spent on the education of children in your charge is an investment which yields, on the average, a highly satisfactory return. I hope that you will not find it necessary to reduce your grants under this heading. I don't remember seeing any previous mention of one of your number being specially concerned with the schooling of the children. I am very glad to know that this is the case and I feel sure that the lady in question is well rewarded for her attention to this branch of your work. I hope she doesn't take the school reports too seriously as there is many a prominent citizen who has survived the familiar "could do better if he tried."

Local Charities

I am extremely sorry to learn that many donations have been diverted to "War Charities." I do feel most strongly that local charities should not be allowed to suffer and that contributions to war funds should be regarded as supplementary war taxation and not in lieu of support of such an organisation as yours. I am sorry that the special effort made to enlist more subscribers came to an untimely end through the evacuation but I hope that when the great homecoming takes its place in the history of the Colony there will be some of the returned exiles ready to resume this very necessary work. As I have remarked before the list of subscribers is a distinguished one but it is regrettably short and I hope that you and your successors will not rest content until it is fully representative of the foreign community.

In conclusion, I congratulate the President and Committee on keeping the flag flying under very trying circumstances and I am confident that the income of the society has been spent to the best advantage.

A FAMOUS BAND

Many star instrumentalists of famous dance bands are serving in the R.A.F. Indeed there is scarcely a "top of the bill" band which is not well represented.

From Ambrose's Band alone, eight men joined up together. They hoped their peace time association might continue, and in this they are lucky for they are still all together at an R.A.F. station.

Lads who previously worked for Jack Hylton, Jack Payne, Jack Harris, Billy Cotton, Lew Stone, and half a score of other popular band leaders are now in R.A.F. uniform.

While these men are under training, they are, still given opportunities to be bandmen.

That is why the R.A.F. has been able to form what is claimed to be the best dance band in the country—a section of the Central Band of the R.A.F. under Wing Commander R. P. O'Donnell, M.V.O., Director of Music.

Every man in this R.A.F. dance band is known to the public. Recently the band has been touring R.A.F. stations giving complete entertainments with guest artists. Shortly it is to broadcast and will also be making a series of gramophone records. The proceeds will go to R.A.F. charities and the Comforts Fund.



King George of Greece reviewing Greek troops; soldiers whose courage and gallantry have shown the world how a nation of free men can turn the tables upon a brutal aggressor.

Greeks And The Contest

By E. P. Yannoulatos, Greek Consul-General in Shanghai

In closing one of his last addresses in Athens, just before his death, our late prime minister and national leader, General John Metaxas, called upon the Nation to make a "total effort" by repeating the paeon of the warriors of Salamis: "Now above all—the battle."

Tuesday was the anniversary of a Great Day in our long history, a day on which the Greek Nation took up arms in 1821 for its freedom and independence. Today we are again faced with the same dangers to our liberty—the liberty and independence which we have so jealously strived to preserve through centuries.

Therefore it is fitting for me to recall and for all Greeks to remember the inspiring words of our late great leader and dedicate ourselves to the carrying out of this, his last will to the nation, until victory and peace are obtained.

Greece has steadfastly pursued a neutral policy in the present European conflict. Our government has strived for years to improve relations and maintain peace in the Balkans. For the sake of peace Greece has abstained from claiming territories which though inhabited by Greeks for thousands of years were held by Italy and Albania. For the last twenty years the Greek people suppressed all feelings of pain when they say their brothers suffer unheard of indignities in these occupied territories.

Our schools were closed, our young men and women were forced to learn Italian, our Churches were shut and our priests expelled or imprisoned—yet the nation stood all this ordeal in agony without a murmur against the international treaties that were responsible for this abominable situation. And in addition in spite of all this our late Prime Minister worked with zeal and energy for over four years to improve and cultivate relations with Italy.

The World knows what has happened. Without any provocation and without any warning we were asked in the early hours of October 28 to hand over to Fascist Italy the rest of our Country. The reply given by the late General Metaxas on that memorable morning, would have been given to the Italian Minister by every Greek man and woman in or outside of Greece.

As her national anniversary found Greece fighting again for her rights and independence; fighting for the right of people to live free and unmolested; fighting for the rights given by God to man—and will fight to the end. Even if Greece is overcome by the enemy, her honour will be preserved at all costs; her traditions will remain unscathed so that, come what may, she may continue to remain the symbol of liberty, honour, democracy and faith in God.

Greeks to-day who think of victorious or suffering Greece, recall with gratitude and pay

"SEVERE ICING CONDITIONS"

Frequently in news bulletins and pilots' stories the phrase occurs "we found severe icing conditions". Ice is one of the real troubles which sometimes beset our bomber pilots on their long runs, but most of them are so experienced that they can avoid serious consequences by taking proper action. They may have to come lower, and find a slightly warmer temperature, or they may go much higher and find conditions cold but dry.

Sometimes, however, they cannot get out of the icing conditions by either move; the humidity and temperature are against them. Then it is a matter of real airmanship, and not infrequently an anxious time. Ice, not in flakes but in considerable chunks is thrown from the aircrew and other parts of the aircraft, and sometimes the carburettor intake suffers.

Recently a pilot returned from a long trip with a smile and a very black eye. He had been taking one of our heavy bombers across to pay a visit to a particular target in Germany. The Germans suffered from his visit, but on the way his aircraft, iced up so badly that the aircrew was throwing off ice in disturbing quantities. One particularly large piece came off with such force that it broke through the glazing of the cockpit and almost knocked the pilot out, hitting him squarely in the face. Only the fact that the glazing had checked the force of the blow saved him from more serious damage. Still, he reached home and landed his aircraft safely.

A night or two later another pilot who had been no more than a few miles, by road, walked into an obstruction in the black-out. He too sustained a blackish eye. When he appeared in the mess he was greeted with a genial chorus: "More ice?" and blushing retired, unable to claim the alibi.

homage to our great friends who by their timely assistance assistance that meant hardships to them, contributed to our victories—to Great Britain who has spared no effort to come to our assistance and to the great American democracy who have unreservedly given us wholehearted support; and to the World in general which has applauded our victories, assisted our war relief organisations and given us material and moral support.

TRUTH ABOUT AUSTRIA

WHY THEY SAY A-E-I-O-U

HERE IS THE TRUTH about what is happening in Austria. It is told by a man who worked against the Nazis in Vienna up to last October, when he was compelled to flee the country.

I met him in London. I cannot give you his name, for soon he hopes to return to his native country to resume his underground activities.

In Vienna, nowadays (he says), the Nazi "Heil" is seldom heard. Instead, the greeting is more often a whispered "A-E-I-O-U."

These five vowels have a special meaning to the Viennese. They stand for what was once the slogan of the Austrian Emperors, but what is to-day the creed of every true Austrian: Austria erit in orbis ultima (Austria will live for ever).

Even those Austrians who at one time succumbed to the sophistries of Nazism, but who now know they have been disappointed and betrayed by the Germans, have returned to illegality, using their knowledge of underground tactics to fight against their former "comrades."

No Disunity

The battle is being waged on all fronts: in the factories, in the army, in offices, in towns and in the countryside.

All Austrians are united; young and old workers, peasants and intellectuals, Socialists, Communists, clericals and monarchists. Their differences are forgiven and forgotten. There is only one aim—Freedom.

The former illegal Nazi newspaper "Oesterreichischer Beobachter" has again made its appearance, but this time as an anti-Nazi organ. It is published about once a week, and its circulation is estimated at 50,000.

To make the job of printing and distribution easier, the size of the paper is only 10in. by 8in., and there are only four pages.

It is published simultaneously at several centres, so that if the Gestapo discover one of the secret plants, the paper still appears from the others and is distributed all over Austria.

Secret H.Q.

The headquarters of the anti-Nazis are similarly everywhere and nowhere.

To-day the leaders may meet at a Heuriger at Grinzing, tomorrow at a small coffee house in the (say) Neubaugasse in the 7th District. Once it was the vacant town house of a nobleman in the Schwarzenbergplatz, the quarter of the former foreign Embassies and Legations; another time it was a worker's humble flat at Florisdorf.

They established one principle at the very beginning: never to meet twice in the same place.

The men who meet are, for example (I cannot be more explicit without putting their lives in danger), civil servants, clerks, trusted representatives of Vienna workers—Red Vienna, as the Nazis used to call it with hatred and as the Socialists, proud of the title, called it themselves.

It would not do to give away the secrets of this underground and dangerous fight against the Nazis, nor to help the Gestapo by mentioning all the weapons used. To be caught at the work means certain death by the axe after weeks or months of unspeakable torture.

Shows Wrecked

But one can mention some of them: Bollers (a cross between a firework squib and a light bomb), stink-bombs, secret newspapers and leaflets, brush and paint.

Not so long ago, when the Nazi film about Poland, "Baptism of Fire," was being shown to the Hitler Jugend, the meeting was dispersed in a very simple way. Sneezing, and itching powders were put into the ventilation flues and blown in with the "fresh" air!

This happened at the UFA picture house in the 2nd District of Vienna.

Stink bombs and "Bollers" are equally effective in scattering a Nazi audience.

Paint Slogans

The most dangerous part of the agitation is carried on by the

Austrian youth.

They often work inside the Hitler Jugend and the Bund Deutscher Maedels, disintegrating them from within. They organise demonstrations against the Nazi in churches, insert leaflets inside Nazi newspapers as they are packed at the printing house, drop propaganda literature from roof tops to crowded streets, paint out Nazi slogans and put their own over them.

One morning last autumn, the Viennese were astonished and delighted to see the entire frontage of the Herzmansky stores on the Mariahilfer Strasse covered with anti-Nazi slogans which it took the stormtroopers two days to erase.

But one of the best weapons against the oppressors is the political joke. The figure of Count Bobby as a typical Austrian aristocrat is used again and again to expose the Nazis to deadly ridicule.

War Unpopular

The war is unpopular in Austria. The alliance with Italy is detested, for the Austrians do not like the "Katzelmacher," as the looters of the lost Austrian province of South Tyrol are known.

After the war against Poland, officers who had served in the old Imperial Army helped to distribute leaflets among the soldiers, asking how many Austrians lost their lives there in comparison with Germans.

If you ask any Austrian how they imagine the future of their country, they invariably reply: "We will think about that later. First, let us get rid of the Prussians."

WORK OF THE S.P.C.

At the monthly Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, the Case Report showed that 260 new cases, involving 378 children, had attended the Society's Centres. During the month, 6,427 visits were made to the Centres by persons needing assistance.

The Finance Report showed expenditure of \$3,168 in February, the continued increase in expenses being due to the higher price of milk and other necessities.

It was stated that an unwanted baby girl of two months had been placed in the B. C. M. S. at Fanling. Two orphan boys, aged nine and seven, had been accommodated at King's Park Camp, and another of twelve years, sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital for medical treatment prior to being placed in the Bethel Mission.

The Society was also instrumental in arranging for three boys to be admitted to the St. Louis Industrial School where, in due course, they will be taught a trade.

Mr. C. G. Sollis, Chairman, extended a welcome to Dr. Graham Cumming who has accepted an invitation to serve on the Committee.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. C. G. Sollis (Chairman),

ROTARY CLUB FLAG DAY

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong is holding a flag day to-morrow when it hopes to raise a considerable sum for the purchase of motor ambulances and mobile canteens.

The sum raised will be divided equally, one half being sent to Rotary International in England, and the other to Chinese headquarters. One mobile canteen has already been bought and is now operating in England.

The following letter to Dr. Arthur Woo shows how much this contribution was appreciated. A later telegram states that the vehicle has been delivered and bears the name of Hong Kong Rotary.

Dear Mr. President, Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons have handed us a cheque for £300 from your club for the provision of a Mobile Canteen. May I say on behalf of R.I.B.I. how grateful we are to you for this gesture. I have ordered the canteen and am placing it under the care of the Y.M.C.A.

It will carry the name of your club up and down the country and will be a messenger conveying the thoughts of friends at the other side of the world, to men serving here. Your generous gift will furnish what is known as a Light Canteen. This is built on the Ford Chassis and is really a coffee stall, manned by two ladies. As you will know, all over the country there are isolated posts of eight or ten men on anti-aircraft work, and this type of van is found most suitable for getting to these stations, the sites of some of which preclude anything bigger getting near them. These men have a hard life and the chance of a warm meal, a chat to the team and the ability of purchasing cigarettes etc. make this work a real Godsend.

As soon as it is finished I will have it photographed and send out a copy to you.

(Sd.) T. D. YOUNG,
(President R.I.B.I.)

Rotarian Effort

Within a fortnight local rotarians raised \$6,500 and have added considerably to that amount since, by other means. Thus a Rotary Dinner, a Cabaret Dance, a football match have all yielded considerable sums for this good cause.

The club has secured the whole-hearted cooperation of various organisations and of the ladies of the Colony in order to ensure the success of this flag day, which will be the final and it hopes the biggest financial success of all.

The need in Britain and in China for these motor vehicles is obvious. Cities are being bombed daily in both countries with the result that thousands of people are killed and wounded or rendered homeless.

Motor ambulances therefore are in urgent demand in both countries. Mobile canteens serve those who have been bombed out of their homes as well as soldiers keeping watch in lonely posts.

The appeal, Rotarians feel sure, will commend itself to the general public whose generous support is now invited in order to ensure the success of this rotarian effort on behalf of Britain and of China.

Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chief Justice) will broadcast an appeal on behalf of this fund this evening at 7.40 p.m.

Mr. A. el Arculli, Major D. Brazier, Miss N. E. Elliott, Rev. Father Guarona, Mr. A. McKellar, Mr. Kwok Chan, Mrs. Graham Cumming, Mrs. G. I. Angus, Dr. Lee Ha Liong, Hon. Mr. Li Tse Fong, Miss Shin Tak Hing, Mr. L. D. Skinner and Dr. Graham Cumming.

Apologies for absence were received from Sir Atholl MacGregor, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Mrs. Pearson Grant, Mr. S. V. Boxer, Mrs. J. T. Smalley, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. T. P. Franklin.

THROUGH GERMAN EYES

DR. LEY ON BRITAIN AND HER LEADER

DR. ROBERT LEY has discovered the explanation of the unforeseen toughness of British resistance. It is due to the senile stupidity of those who are too old to change their ways! Writing in the "Angriff" under the headline "Churchill the obstinate dotard," he says:—

Everybody knows how easily and tragically advancing age, and the pessimism connected therewith, degenerate into obstinacy. This holds good of England and Churchill. It is not to be thought that England's present endurance under the unceasing onslaughts of Germany is due merely to the toughness of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Rather is it an expression of senility, the same phenomenon that leads the aged stubbornly to oppose youth and to exclude the young from the treasures of the earth. Churchill is the type of this senile stubbornness. He looks to me like an obstinate old peasant who would rather see his farm go to ruin than hand it over to a younger man.

Prophets Of Woe

According to precedent, the recent meeting of the two dictators is made the occasion in the German Press of lurid prognostications of woe for all who presume to stand in the path of the unconquerable Axis. The "Essener National Zeitung" prophesies that events will flow from it as momentous for Europe in 1941 as were the results of previous meetings in 1939 and 1940. The war in 1939 saw the annihilation of Poland, that of 1940 the annihilation of France; 1941 is destined to see the crowning victory—the destruction of Britain. Half a year of preparation was needed for the death-blow of France; half a year has been devoted to preparing the death-blow of England. Once again, the E.N.Z. concludes, the world is about to witness historic events of like magnitude to those which have always succeeded meetings between Hitler and Mussolini ever since Italy's entry into the war. The paper forbears to point out that the historic events which followed the last meeting were the successive defeats of the Italian Army in Albania and Libya.

Marshal Petain's fabian policy rouses ever-increasing impatience among the Nazis. Every effort, however, is made to conceal the facts from the general public, seeing that to reveal them would be a tacit admission of Hitler's failure, after seven months' ceaseless effort, to find any sort of common basis for winning the whole-hearted collaboration of France in making a practical reality of the "new order." Such an admission would involve a devastating criticism of the whole National-Socialist regime at a moment when great masses in the Reich expect Hitler's promised "master stroke" to be in the form of action in the Mediterranean, the French in Tunis cooperating in cutting British seaborne communication in the region of Sicily. These great masses have not failed to notice how far Hitler still is from his goal, as was shown when a recent official announcement from the "Deutsche Nachrichten-Bureau" of the reconstruction of the French Cabinet produced a prompt denial from Vichy. Although the conference between Petain and Laval recently was reported to have removed all "misunderstandings," no word has yet been said about the rehabilitation of Laval, which is so urgently desired in Germany. German plans for setting up in Paris a puppet Government under Doriot have all failed, since Marshal Petain is the only man in France who commands enough prestige to be the head of any stable Government.

A Word To Mr. Hull

Hitherto not a word about these misgivings has appeared in the German Press, but now at last the "Borsen Zeitung" has expressed the impatience of the Government

by printing a sharp criticism of the dilatory proceedings at Rome, where the opening of the "war-guilt" trials has been repeatedly postponed. The "Borsen Zeitung" bluntly attributes the delay to "consideration for the guilty." "A full month," it says, "elapsed between the end of the preliminary investigations and the service of writs containing the charges upon the persons awaiting trial." The paper reminds Vichy that the opening of the main proceedings was originally planned by the beginning, or at latest the middle, of January—evidently forgetting that the former official German position was that the proceedings at Rome were a purely internal affair of France, in which the Reich was not interested. When asked about the Cabinet changes foreshadowed at Vichy, the spokesman of the Wilhelmstrasse answered, "The Reich has taken up no official attitude on the subject. We are waiting to see what significance these changes will have."

The evidence given by Mr. Cordell Hull before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, in considering the "Lend-Lease" Bill, is made the occasion of an attack on the policy of the State Department by the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt." The official German news agency quotes from this paper as follows:—

Sharp Criticism

The American Secretary of State has now formally discarded that international law which he has hitherto alleged to be the basis of his policy. He wishes to see the usual rights obtaining between nations, The Hague Convention, and the binding obligations of the American neutrality laws abandoned. All this in view of the state of emergency and the threat to the security of the American hemisphere, which he considers will arise as the result of a German victory, though he is unable to produce even a shadow of evidence of any acts or designs, on the part of the German Government against America.

In conclusion the paper claims that Mr. Hull's conception of international law, instead of securing peace for the American hemisphere.

Contributes towards barring European markets to the Latin-American countries and turning the Pan-American seas into a base for the British universal war.

Justice, peace, morality, and genuine prosperity are conceptions that are difficult to reconcile with this view of world affairs held by the American Secretary of State.

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Boys Upset Dignity Of Nazis

STUDENT STEALS SKATES

(By A Special Correspondent)

Small boys in occupied France are upsetting the dignity of German sentries.

The sentries, an American who has recently been in France told me, change guard by blowing whistles.

This is a great attraction for the urchins. When the change

ing of guard is due the boys assemble beside the sentries with toy whistles and blow them simultaneously with the soldiers.

It would be too undignified for the sentries to stop the boys, but the way they glare at the children tells plainly of their annoyance.

One day a crowd of the boys lined up as a German general stepped out of his car. There was a discordant shriek of whistles.

The general looked as though he would explode.

Another prank was the pasting on the barrack gates of a "Jewish shop" sign, which shops run with Jewish capital must display in Paris.

Factory Sabotage

Sabotage is taking place and defying detection in French fac-

ories. Vital parts of motor engines are removed and electric telephone cables cut.

"French people rarely take shelter when the R.A.F. are over their cities," the American told me, "because they have faith that the British will not bomb open towns. They have seen the accurate bombing of military targets."

A wrecked German aerodrome near Paris is a typical example of R.A.F. accuracy.

A 17-year-old student, Ho Chan-chak, of No. 82, Cheung-shawan Road, was fined \$50 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for stealing a pair of roller skates from the Empress Skating Rink in Nathan Road yesterday.

Accused hired the skates and carried them away. He was followed by a foki and arrested.

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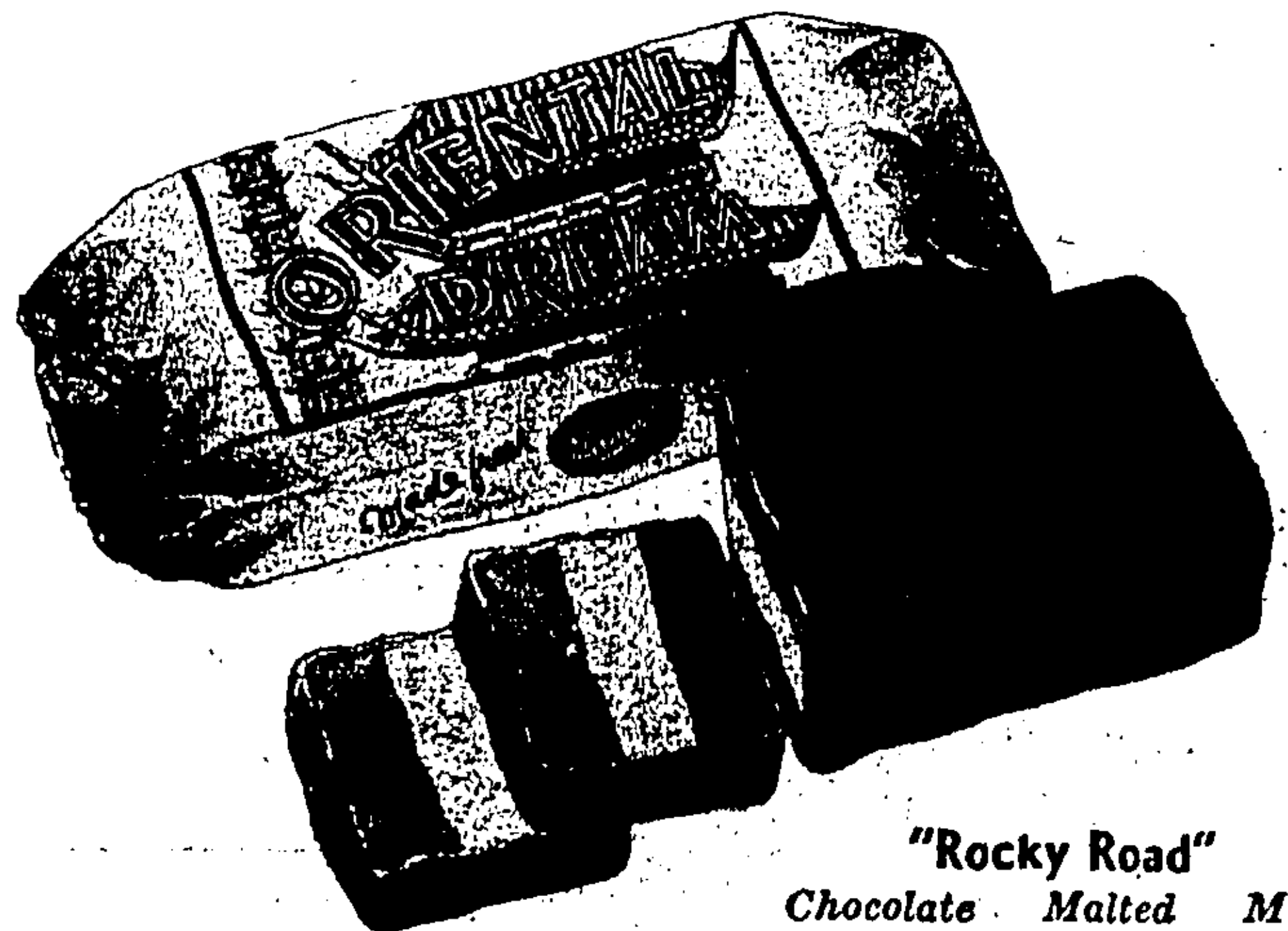
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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

IN the course of the last two weeks the semi-finals and final of the Singles Handicap Competition have been decided.

The first semi-final was between Corp. H. Watts of Royal Corps of Signals and C. I. Septisky, and was played on March 14. Watts' handicap was plus 20 and Septisky's plus 43.

As was expected, Watts, despite the formidable number of pins he had to concede, won easily by 211 pins, the scores being J. H. Watts 919, C. I. Septisky 708.

Watts bowled well; commencing with a good 209 in his first game, he had 162 in his second, 209 in his third, 171 in his fourth and 168 in his fifth, to average a brilliant 184 pins. He might have done even better than this, but he had several bad "splits" during the course of the match, several of which, however, he managed to convert into spares.

Septisky appeared to be uncomfortable throughout the match, and bowled below his usual form; it was only in the fourth game, when he grossed 172, that he touched anything like normal form.

Other Match

The other semi-final was between our Gunner Cooper, of Royal Artillery, and C. W. Williams, and was played on March 17. Cooper won by 58 pins. Both player's handicaps were plus 43 so they both started level and the scores were, Cooper 662 and Williams 604.

Cooper did not bowl with his usual consistency, and, in his second game, made only 112, and a still lower score in his fifth game, when he only registered 105. Had he maintained the average of his first, third and fourth games, his margin of winning pins would have been much higher. Williams was right out of touch, his average for the five games working out at a miserable 121 pins.

Cooper Again

Master Gunner Cooper beat the formidable Corp. J. H. Watts of the Royal Corps of Signals in the final of the Singles Handicap Competition. This match was played on March 20, and was fairly close, the margin being 33 pins. Cooper's handicap was plus 43 and Watts' plus 20, the scores being: Cooper 892 and Watts 859.

At the outset it appeared likely that Cooper would lose, as he started off with a poor 113, against Watts' 173, but Cooper then got down to some good, steady and consistent bowling and averaged 166 for his next four games.

Feature of Watts' game was his consistency. His lowest score was 167 and his highest 182, but on this occasion the handicap he was conceding was just a little too much.

Close Game

There was a very keen and well-contested five game Duck Pin match played on March 19, between U.S.S. Tulsa and Royal



Master Gunner Cooper, winner of the Singles Handicap Competition.

Corps of Signals, which resulted in a very close win for Tulsa by 56 pins. The scores were Tulsa 1990 and Signals 1934.

Vasko for Tulsa was as usual the star bowler of the match with 535, this score contributing largely to the Signals' downfall.

Bellor of Tulsa was second highest scorer with a brilliant 518, and next best was Neate of Signals with a good 509.

Feature of the match was the number of scores of 100 or over, there being no fewer than 14; Bellow netted two, Drewes two, Borg one and Vasko three for Tulsa, while Birkett, Neate, Hall, and Cleggett had three each for Signals.

Return Match

A return match was subsequently played and again Tulsa won, this time by 75 pins.

Both teams bowled remarkably well, although the aggregate scores for each were slightly lower than the previous match. The scores were, Tulsa 1965 and Signals 1890.

Vasko for Tulsa was again top scorer for the match with a brilliant 548, bettering his score in the last match by 13 pins. He also netted the highest individual score of the match—133 in his fifth frame. Vasko would have compiled an even better score, had he not started badly to register only 82.

Cleggett of Signals was a good second with 514, this being nine pins better than his effort in the previous match. He was very consistent and made 108, 91, 102, 119 and 94. Neate for Signals was third highest scorer with 488.

Disorganised Team

There was quite an interesting five-game Ten Pin match played on March 21, between U.S.S. Tulsa and Ernie Hearther's team, which resulted in a win for the latter team by no less than 286 pins, the scores being: Hearther's team 3200, Tulsa 2944.

The Tulsa team were completely disorganised and right off form.

Hearther was top scorer of the match with 906, followed very closely by Doc Molten with 888, while C. W. Williams did quite well to make 821.

Shanty Moore was top scorer for the Tulsa with 747.

Ewo League

At the request of Bowling fans the Management of the Alleys have decided to commence another Ewo League Tournament, the fifth series. Entry forms have been distributed, and a start early in April will be made.

SUNDAY'S LAWN BOWLS

The following have been selected to represent the Northumberland and Durham Association in a Lawn Bowls Match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's greens, Cox's Road, Kowloon on Sunday, commencing at 2.45 p.m., sharp:

W. G. R. Contes, A. D. Spoor, C. G. Henderson, J. Fraser (Skip), G. Henderson, D. Kossick, J. F. MacGowan and J. V. Ramsey (Skip).
J. G. R. Humble, R. A. Radford, J. Smith and T. Coleman (Skip).
E. Purvis, C. E. Turpin, S. Hodge and T. W. Carr (Skip).
Reserves:—E. L. Starling, W. Barkus and G. E. Cross.

CHOA & REMEDIOS NEARLY LET CHANCE FORDOUBLES WINS LIP

By "Adrem"

AT HONG KONG Cricket Club yesterday, A. V. Remedios and George Choa deservedly beat O. Umetani and T. Imura in the Colony Open doubles tennis tournament.

With Umetani evidently feeling the effects of his long struggle with Pagh the previous day, and Imura being unable to find his touch, the Japanese pair offered little resistance in the first set which Choa and Remedios won for the loss of three games.

In the second set, Choa and Remedios still held the upper hand and led all through until, at 4-3 and 40-love on their own service, they became careless and the Japanese fought back gamely to take that game, and the next, the latter also being recovered from a losing position.

At this stage, Imura, who had been very inconsistent and had been the subject of a concentrated attack from the opposition, was playing better than at any other time during the match and, having temporarily got on top, the Japanese made no further mistakes to take the set and level the issue.

The Japanese pair started the final set confidently but they flattered only to deceive and Choa and Remedios went out for match in the ninth game.

There were occasions when Umetani was the best player on the court—his strokes were certainly the most decisive—but his partner's poor form forced him to assume far more responsibility than he should have done and the result was bad positioning and lost points.

Threw Away Points

Remedios and Choa both played some very nice shots and their combination was not at all bad considering the comparatively short time they have been playing together. Both players, however, threw away numerous points by taking balls that were obviously going miles out of court and they would do well to eradicate this fault before they play their next match.

In other matches, Paul Kong, Razack and Pang Oi-lam all entered the next round without being unduly extended.

Following were the results of yesterday's matches in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament:—

OPEN SINGLES

Paul Kong beat Fung Yee-pui, 6-1, 6-1.

I. M. A. Razack beat S. Y. Tong, 6-3, 6-1.

Pang Oi-lam beat R. E. Guest, 6-3, 6-1.

OPEN DOUBLES

George Choa and A. V. Remedios beat O. Umetani and T. Imura, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

F. W. Carter beat M. A. de Haan, 6-1, 6-0.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

A. K. Mackenzie beat H. E. Waller, 6-2, 6-1.

CLUB MIXED DOUBLES

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard beat F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell, 6-3, 6-3.

J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley beat E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle, 6-2, 6-1.

A more detailed report will appear in the final edition.

To-Day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

FRIDAY

Open Singles

C. S. Lee v. A. Crawford (1). S. T. Chau v. Wei Chung (3).

Open Doubles

M. Pagh and Lt. Shields Goodman or Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip v. B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow (5). I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (8). B. and J. Asafuroff v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (4).

Club Handicap Singles

C. H. R. Oxlade (—5/6) v. P. J. Elder (plus 1/6) (4). G. Campbell (plus 3/6) v. R. E. Guest (—10/1) (7).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles

S. L. Maughan and Miss M. Stoneman (—1/6) v. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (—5/6) (2).



Next Week's Matches

Following is the programme for next week:—

MONDAY

Open Singles

Pang Oi-lam v. S. T. Chau or Wei Chung (1); George Choa v. T. J. Gould (7). O. Umetani v. M. Pagh (8).

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fletcher (5).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxlade (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6); G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15/1) v. V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6) (4).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr and Mrs A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v. B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Smalley (—3/6).

TUESDAY

Open Singles

Tsui Wai-pul v. K. H. Yip (8); S. A. Rumjahn v. Lt. Shields-Goodman (5).

Club Handicap Singles

F. W. Carter (—1/6) v. V. R. Gordon (—3/6) (2); T. J. Gould (—15/2) v. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) or H. E. Waller (plus 3/6) (3); G. W. Sewell (—4/6) v. H. C. D. Knight (—2/6) (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (—30) v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (—2/6) (4).

WEDNESDAY

Open Doubles

J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith or I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (5).

Club Championship

G. W. Sewell v. T. A. Pearce or C. H. R. Oxlade (2); T. J. Gould v. M. Pagh (8); R. E. Guest v. J. Stirling Lee (3).

Club Handicap Singles

T. C. Monaghan (—3/6) v. A. T. Dow (—3/6) (1); S. E. Lavrov (plus 2/6) v. E. R. Childs (plus 1/6) (6); H. Van Leeuwen (—2/6) v. H. J. Armstrong (—15/3) (7).

THURSDAY

Open Singles

Fung Yee-pui or Paul Kong v. Tsui Yan-pul (8).

Club Handicap Doubles

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—15/2) v. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (—30) or F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (—2/6) (2); D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scr.) v. H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (—15) (4).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr and Mrs D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (—4/6) (3).

FRIDAY

Open Singles

C. S. Lee or A. Crawford v. George Choa or T. J. Gould (4); I. M. A. Razack or B. Y. Tong v. S. A. Rumjahn or Lt. Shields-Goodman (5); O. Umetani or M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn (8).

Club Handicap Singles

V. R. Gordon (—3/6) or F. W. Carter (—1/6) v. R. E. Guest (15/1) (7); H. Van Leeuwen (—2/6) or H. J. Armstrong (—15/3) v. G. W. Sewell (—4/6) or H. C. D. Knight (—2/6) (6).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (—2/6) or J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (—15) v. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (—5/6) (2); T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15/2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) or F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (—1/6) (3).

CUP FINALISTS TO GET SAVING CERTIFICATES

The Football League are to present savings certificates instead of medals to finalists in their War Cup competition. Winners will receive four certificates, and players on the losing side three.

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day Badminton Championship programme to be played at Club de Recreio:—

FRIDAY, (CLUB DE RECREIO)

Men's Junior Singles

H. S. Jones v P. C. Leung (7 p.m.).

N. L. Smith v P. Wynter-Blyth (8.15 p.m.).

A. L. Fisher v Peter Lo (9.15 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles

Patrick Wong (holder) v D. Kwok (7.30 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles

P. K. Hui and H. F. Chew v C. Y. Yung and F. Koh (8.45 p.m.).

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Hockey Association tournament games for Sunday:

5th A.A. "B" v Gunboats (Lyeemun, 10.30 a.m.).

Umpires:—C. Van Langenberg and T. A. Tyas.

C.B.A. v Destroyers (C.B.A., 10.30 a.m.).

Umpires:—J. Tomlinson and W. Bevan.

Khalsa v Signals (Boundary Street, 11.45 p.m.).

Umpires:—V. M. Benwell and T. J. K. Gilchrist.

5th A.A. "A" v Nomads (Lyeemun, 11.45 a.m.).

Umpires:—C. Van Langenberg and T. A. Tyas.

Engineers v University (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.).

Umpires:—J. Gorman and L. Coombe.

UMPIRES' MEETING

The Hockey Umpires' Association's monthly meeting will be held next Friday.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:—

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m. R. Forrest, R. Young.

9.20 " P. A. Cox, A. W. Bourne.

9.24 " W. H. Belsley, F. A. Howard.

9.28 " E. G. Price, A. C. I. Bowker.

9.32 " H. S. Jones, W. T. Dow.

9.36 " J. R. Way, E. L. Groome.

9.40 " I. H. Geare, I. W. Shevan.

9.44 " W. Woodward, J. Harrop.

9.48 " R. R. Davies, Capt. Thursby.

9.52 " L. M. S. Lloyd, R. L. Jones.

9.56 " M. G. Carruthers, D. S. Robb.

10.00 " P. V. McLane, P. E. Annis.

10.04 " C. W. E. Bishop, A. B. Purves.

10.08 " R. H. Griffiths, H. W. Duley.

10.12 " J. L. Macintyre, T. Megarry.

10.16 " A. H. Guinness, D. D. Forbes.

10.24 " Col. Rose, J. A. Parrish.

10.28 " A. K. Mackenzie, G. M. Park.

10.32 " N. C. McLeod, M. L. Reldy.

10.36 " H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

10.40 " J. G. Jensen, Major Alley.

10.44 " R. de W. Waller, Lieut. Wyld.

New Courses

9.24 a.m. K. S. Morrison, T. E. Pearce.

9.32 " A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.

9.40 " A. M. Mack, G. G. Aitkenhead.

10.00 " W. N. A. Smalley, A. D. Humphreys.

10.04 " Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Humphreys.

10.16 " Miss Cuthbertson, M. A. Annett.

10.32 " J. F. Robinson, L. A. Calcraft.

10.40 " J. P. Sherry, H. A. Mills.

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ORACLE & COLOOMA TO MEET AGAIN IN STEWARDS' CUP RACE

By "Rapier"

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING, TO BE HELD TO-MORROW, WILL MARK THE INTRODUCTION OF RACES IN WHICH THE NEW AND OLD PONIES WILL CLASH FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEY WILL BE RUNNING UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES, THUS AFFORDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUNTERS TO FORM THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS AS TO HOW WELL THE NEW ONES WILL FARE AGAINST THE OLD BRIGADE. KEEN COMPETITION SHOULD PREVAIL, AND WITH THE WEATHER REMAINING FINE, THE TRACK SHOULD ASSIST MATERIALLY IN THE MATTER OF FAST TIMES BEING RECORDED.

I expect to see another large gathering and an excellent afternoon's racing is promised. There are nine events on the programme, with two of them confined to Novice jockeys, the main event of the afternoon being the Stewards' Cup, which is confined to Australian Griffins of this season that have not won more than \$5,000 in stakes.

China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$100 in stakes, are given an opportunity of doing so in the opening event. The Kongmun Plate over a mile and eliminating the unlikely winners, I think the race should be decided between the following:

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei);
Odeon (Mr. Needa);
Lovely View (Mr. Pih); and
So Nice (Mr. S. W. Tang).
Iron Beauty which came in second to Charlesber in the Lointers Stakes over six furlongs last Saturday should win but it will probably be extended by Odeon which will have the experienced handling of Mr. Needa.
Both Lovely View and So Nice were beaten by Iron Beauty and Odeon respectively at the previous meeting, but they fought gamely for the fourth position, and one of them should fill the third place to-morrow.

RACE NO. 2. FATSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION):—FROM THE 1½ MILE POST
Novice jockeys will be given

mounts in this sprint event on "C" Class, China ponies according to the new classification list, with a proviso that griffins of this season that have won \$1000 or less in stakes are barred.

Judging from past performances, Jennifer, which is a speedy animal, should prove the best over this short distance. Lancashire Lass (Mr. Chui) appears to be the one capable of extending Jennifer, but Blue Diamond (Mr. S. W. Lee) should have something to say at the finish.

Eve of Peace, if taken out by Mr. Coppin, will probably extend the above ponies if the jockey can draw the weight of 142 lb. otherwise I cannot see it winning.

Jobber (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) is another pony to watch as it is quite speedy over this distance.
RACE NO. 3. STEWARDS' CUP:—FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This is the main event of the afternoon, a handicap race for Australian ponies, griffins of this season with winners of \$5000 or more in stakes barred.

Oracle (Mr. Needa), winner of the Oakleigh Plate over the mile at the last meeting in record time, is the best bet here in view of its noted ability over longer distances.

There is, however, Colooma (Mr. Black), the conqueror of Oracle in the Austral Racing Stakes over 1¼ miles, to be reckoned with as this pony is very fit at the moment, judging from its run in the Melbourne Cup (two miles) last Saturday, when it was ridden by Mr. P. P. Botelho, although it was unplaced.

If Mr. Black adopts the same tactics as when he won the Austral Racing Stakes, Colooma may inflict another defeat on Oracle.

Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao), which was second to Oracle, is another contender, and as it has a 7-lb. allowance from the above two ponies, it should be very close here.

First Love (Mr. Liang), which came in third in the Austral Derby, should also be in the picture on the final run for home.

Gloaming (Mr. Poy), which won the Yarra Stakes from the 1½ miles post on the last day of the Annual Carnival, is not to be despised as the pony has improved considerably and may cause an upset when least expected.

My nomination is Oracle to win, Colooma second with Nomine Poenae third.

RACE NO. 4. BROKEN HILL HANDICAP:—FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This is the most difficult race to forecast, as it is confined to "A" Class, Australian ponies of the new and old brigade.

Sapper (Mr. Davis), the reigning Champion, is given top-weight of 159 lb., followed by United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), the undefeated race horse of this year and Distant View (Mr. Pih), the best of this year's griffins, with 152 lb. each.

The finish should be fought out between these three ponies. Sapper has proved itself capable of carrying heavy weights, as evidence of which I need only refer to its easy win in the Coral Handicap over the mile, but can it give the above two ponies an allowance of 7 lb. and still beat them? I think so.

What United Express can do is well known and it will remain to be seen whether it can retain its unbeaten record to-morrow. Distant View with the shorter distance is quite capable of securing a runaway victory if it is given too much rope.

RACE NO. 5. HOBART HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION):—SIX FURLONGS

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," confined to "B" Class, Australian ponies with griffins of this season that have won a race barred.

Connieber (Mr. Chao) for its win in the Moonee Ponds Handicap (one mile) has been penalised by 1 lb., but I do not think the extra pound will hamper its chances of winning, especially with this field.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne), for its third placing behind the above pony, has had its weight reduced by 5 lb. and, given a good start, must be regarded as a potential winner. Then there is also Springhurst (Mr. Poy), which ran unplaced against the above two ponies last Saturday, to be reckoned with as its weight is down by 7 lb. and over the shorter distance, it might easily redeem itself to-morrow.

In my opinion, Connieber should win again, with Rowan second and Springhurst third.

RACE NO. 6. CANTON HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION):—SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "B" Class China ponies and from the

entries I expect one of the following to be the winner.

Charlesber (Mr. Chao);
Velvetlight (Mr. Wei); and
World Fair View (Mr. Pih).

Charlesber won the Lointers Stakes over this distance at the last meeting carry 152 lb. in 1.24-4/5 and with another 10 lb. off to-morrow its chance of chalking up another win is quite good.

The real danger, however, is Velvetlight, which has beaten Charlesber over longer distances during the Annual Race Meeting, but as it will be conceding 17 lb. to the above pony to-morrow, it will have to be at its best to win.

World Fair View is also treated lightly here, and as it is known to move fast over a short distance, it may turn out to be a real threat.

RACE NO. 7. HOBART HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION):—SIX FURLONGS

Those who succeed in making the right choice in the first leg of the "Daily Double" should not experience much difficulty in making the correct connection in this race, which is confined to "B" Class, Australian ponies, barring winning griffins of this season.

It will be recalled that in the Moonee Ponds Handicap over a mile, Devonian (Mr. Black), although beaten, put up a good show against Connieber. Despite a penalty of 10 lb., I am fully confident that Devonian will win to-morrow, thus securing its first victory on behalf of Lady Northcote this year.

A Surprising Time (Mr. Hearne) should fill second place and Happy Returns (Mr. Chao) should account for the other minor position. As an outsider, I suggest Pumpnickel (Mr. S. W. Tang).

RACE NO. 8. FATSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION):—FROM THE 1½ MILE POST

Second section of "C" Class, China ponies, with griffins of this season that have won \$1000 or less in stakes barred, will figure in this race which will again be confined to Novice jockeys.

Judging from its third placing in the Jockey Cup on the fourth day of the Annual Race Meeting, Galveston Bay (Mr. W. Yui) should not find any difficulty in winning, but strong opposition should come from Advancing Time (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), and Emergency Unit (Mr. S. W. Lee), both of which can be depended upon to give it a good fight.

Rose Evelyn is not bad but so far I have not been able to ascertain who will be the jockey. It is good enough to win but I am afraid this pony is a very bad starter and in a short race like this it would be disastrous if it were left at the gate.

However, taking everything into consideration, I think Galveston Bay should win with Emergency Unit second and Advancing Time third.

RACE NO. 9. CANTON HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the final event of the day and is confined to second section of "B" Class, China ponies.

Looking over the entries, I like the chances of Hughber (Mr. Chang) which has been penalised 10 lb. for its second placing to Hillsboro Bay in the Happy Valley Spring Handicap over the mile.

But there is its stablemate, Lilliber (Mr. Chao), to consider, for it only lost to Hughber by a head although it will be made to carry another 5 lb. to-morrow.

Avon (Mr. Black) is very dangerous with only 141 lb. to carry and it will not surprise me at all if it causes an upset here.

Humdrum Eve has now changed hands. It was formerly noted for its sprinting ability, but as it has not shown anything like its old form so far, I think we can leave it out.

Mr. Poy has the choice of either Ronson or Rose Emily and whichever one he decides to take out should be a menace to the above ponies as they are very lightly treated.

Galaxy (Mr. Chao) is another pony to watch as it is quite fit at the moment and although the distance may not suit it, it must not be disregarded.

My choice for the first three are Hughber, Lilliber and Avon.

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EVE OF REASON FETCHES \$1500

Eve of Reason, a "B" Class China pony, belonging to the Eve stable, was sold for \$1,500 at the public roup of ponies held at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley, yesterday, the new owner being Mr. Richard Ho.

It is interesting to note that since January 1, 1941, the pony in question has won \$525 in stakes money.

The second highest price, \$1,000, was fetched by Buckfastleigh, a "D" Class Australian pony, which fell under the hammer to Mr. T. K. Li.

Many Withdrawn

Several ponies were withdrawn from the sale amongst them being Royal Sovereign (\$1,450), Galaxy (\$1,000) and Pumpernickel (\$870).

Following were the ponies put up for sale, with the names of the buyers given in brackets:

Pinfarthings (Chan Hon), \$25, Night View (Ng Lam), \$15, Victoria (withdrawn), Attacking Time (withdrawn), Roybet (Ng Lam), \$15, Mauber (F. M. I. Soares), \$10, Wilber (V. V. Needa), \$25, Greber (Larry Kai), \$105, Cocklerot (withdrawn at \$400), Luxury (C. C. Chan), \$850, The Tigris (M. Alai-con), \$70, Silver Spem (no bid), Advancing Time (withdrawn at \$140), Starlet (V. V. Needa), \$15, Standard Express (V. V. Needa), \$70, Australian Prince (Yue Shun wai), \$340, Princess Adelaide (Li Chi-choh), \$450, Eve of Dancing (withdrawn at \$880), Eve of Hunting (withdrawn at \$570), Eve of Folly (withdrawn at \$570), Eve of Reason (Kwok Hin-wang on behalf of Richard Ho), \$1,500, Eve of Rest (V. V. Needa), \$110, Eve of Illusion (V. V. Needa), \$5, China Pony Griffin (V. V. Needa), \$50, Well Done (V. V. Needa), \$10, Eve of Heaven (P. P. Botelho), \$70, Musketeer (withdrawn at \$370), Possible (W. A. Ingram), \$70, Silver Wings (V. V. Needa), \$10, Senorita (Colleen), \$315, Spring Time (F. E. d'Almada Remedios), \$205, This Time (withdrawn at \$165), Smiling Time (withdrawn at \$70), A Great Time (Garcia), \$15, Green Diamond (V. V. Needa), \$10, Golden Cow (F. M. I. Soares), \$10, Palmer (W. A. Ingram), \$35, Cree (withdrawn), Angel of Peace (R. H. Charles), \$65, Lucky Eleven (V. V. Needa), \$10, Zadderday (E. H. Baker), \$500, Bruno (Wong Tik-kwong), \$710, Caterick Bridge (withdrawn), Ajax (no bid), Beauford (S. W. Lee), \$220, Blue Gown (S. W. Lee), \$225, Gossler (Ng Lam), \$15, Talkative (W. A. Ingram), \$15, Chatterbox (R. K. C. Chui), \$50, Pumpernickel (withdrawn at \$870), Infante (V. V. Needa), \$10, Tornado Star (T. K. Li), \$200, Harmony Star (withdrawn), Maple Star (Lo Kong-to), \$260, Rising Star (K. Kwok), \$50, Ruby Star (Garcia), \$110, Twilight Star (Garcia), \$65, Lovely Star (P. P. Botelho), \$60, Dawn Star (W. A. Ingram), \$60, Princess Claro (L. Reidy), \$125, Ascot Day (S. N. Pan), \$300, Annabella (withdrawn at \$420), Whampoa (Garcia), \$100, Bressay (withdrawn at \$55), Royal Sovereign (withdrawn at \$1,450), Violet Queen (V. V. Needa), \$10, Galaxy (withdrawn at \$1,000), Buckfastleigh (T. K. Li), \$1,000.



KOWLOON MARATHON

The annual Kowloon Marathon Race over a course of 6 1/4 miles will be run this evening, starting at 5 p.m. sharp in Nathan Road outside St. Andrew's Church.

Pte. Manson (R. Scots) will start favourite as Pte. Corrigan (R. Scots), winner of the Marathon last year, has not entered.

The Entries

Following are the entries:—Sgt. Baker (Middlesex); Opl. Hobson (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Anderson (Middlesex); Pte. Merton (Middlesex); Pte. Shaw (Middlesex); Pte. Sturges (Middlesex); Pte. Mangfield (Middlesex); Pte. Caul (Middlesex); Pte. Hughes (Middlesex); Pte. Robertson (Middlesex); Pte. Nobel (Middlesex); Sgm. Harkinson (Signals); Sgm. Lewis (Signals); Sgm. Lithauer (Signals); Pte. Scott (Royal Scots); Pte. Manson (Royal Scots); L. A. C. Moulton (R.A.F.); S. N. Johnny Aromin (Kowloon Docks); C. Trux (D.B.S.).

Sappers Win Large Units Competition

Ratcliffe Scores 37 Out Of 61

Low-Scoring In Two-Day Match

A USEFUL LEAD ON THE FIRST INNINGS ENABLED ROYAL ENGINEERS TO BEAT COMBINED SMALL UNITS IN THE FINAL OF THE ARMY LARGE UNITS CRICKET COMPETITION, BY THE COMFORTABLE MARGIN OF 65 RUNS.

The match started on Wednesday and at the beginning of play yesterday Combined Small Units were 130 runs behind with eight of their first-innings wickets in hand.

Few further runs were added, and the side were all out for 65, Coombes being the only double-figure scorer.

In their second knock, Sappers made 64, Ratcliffe being mainly responsible with 37, scored out of 61, and then dismissed their opponents for 79, Coombes again offering resistance and receiving some support from Logan.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

First Innings

Tropp, st. Hamlen, b. Murphy
Pelham, b. Dewar
Ratcliffe, b. Murphy
Megson, c. Dixon, b. Dewar

Second Innings

Tropp, st. Hamlen, b. Murphy
Pelham, b. Dewar
Ratcliffe, b. Murphy
Megson, c. Dixon, b. Dewar

COMBINED SMALL UNITS

Shaw, c. Dewar, b. Murphy
Bailey, st. Hamlen, b. Dewar
Freeman, b. Dewar
Denyer, c. Webb, b. Murphy
Samways, c. Boocock, b. Dixon
Holliday, st. Hamlen, b. Dewar
Goss, not out

First Innings

Logan, c. Tropp, b. Megson
Webb, l.b.w., b. Tropp
Stoner, l.b.w., b. Denyer
Hamlen, b. Denyer
Coombes, c. Bailey, b. Tropp
Murphy, b. Denyer
Gardner, b. Denyer
Stoner, not out
Boocock, b. Megson
Swyer, c. Ratcliffe, b. Megson
Extras (B4, LB1)

Second Innings

Coombes, c. Tropp, b. Megson
Webb, c. Bailey, b. Megson
Logan, c. Tropp, b. Megson
Dixon, b. Dixon
Dewar, c. Samways, b. Megson
Murphy, b. Megson
Hamlen, c. Shaw, b. Megson
Gardner, b. Denyer
Stoner, not out
Boocock, b. Megson
Swyer, c. Ratcliffe, b. Megson
Extras (B4, LB1)



Dewar, c. Pelham, b. Denyer
Dixon, not out
Extras (B11)

Total 65

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Megson	14	9	19	2
Tropp	11	4	14	3
Denyer	9.1	4	20	5
Holliday	1	0	1	0

Second Innings

Coombes, c. Tropp, b. Megson
Webb, c. Bailey, b. Megson
Logan, c. Tropp, b. Megson
Dixon, b. Dixon
Dewar, c. Samways, b. Megson
Murphy, b. Megson
Hamlen, c. Shaw, b. Megson
Gardner, b. Denyer
Stoner, not out
Boocock, b. Megson
Swyer, c. Ratcliffe, b. Megson
Extras (B4, LB1)

Total 79

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Tropp	4	0	21	0
Megson	6.7	0	25	9
Denyer	3	0	26	1

BIG D.B.S. VICTORY

Diocesan Boys' School yesterday beat H.M.S. Tamar by 67 in a friendly cricket match yesterday.

D.B.S.
J. Macauley, b. Barton
C. Whitfield, b. West
A. J. Hulse, b. Boyes
G. A. Goodban, l.b.w., b. Jones
L. Chintan, b. Barton
L. Jernakoff, b. West
A. Ebrahim, c. Sharp, b. West
L. Lyson, not out
W. M. Macauley, b. West
C. Kotewall, b. Jones
G. Russett, c. West, b. Douglas
Extras (LB4)

Total 187

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
West	12	0	55	4
Barton	9	0	61	2
Griffiths	1	0	18	0
Boyes	3	0	20	1
Whiteside	2	0	14	0
Jones	4	0	15	2
Douglas	1	0	0	1

H.M.S. TAMAR

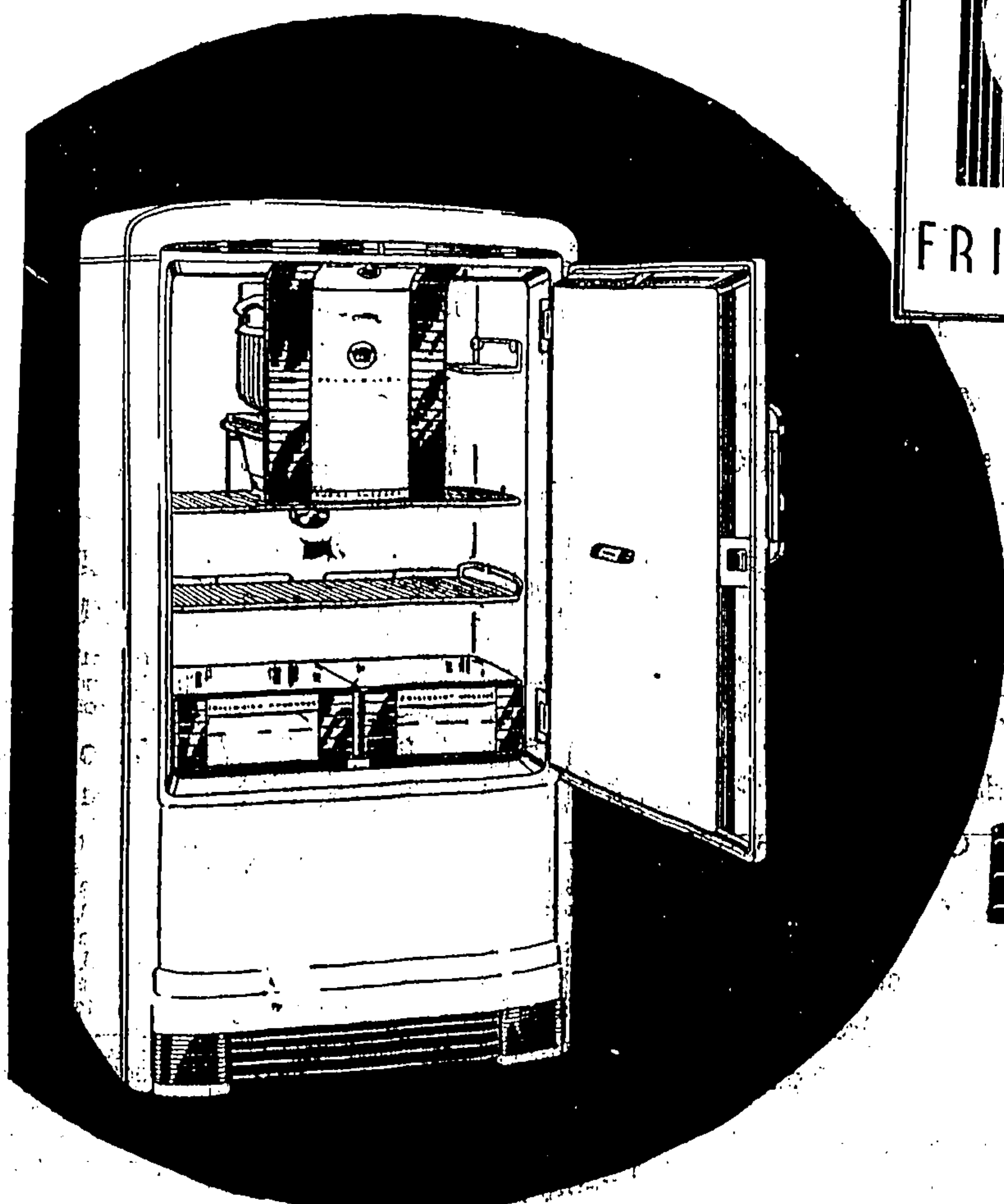
Whiteside, b. Hulse
Boyes, b. Ebrahim
West, b. Ebrahim
Griffiths, b. Ebrahim
Douglas, c. B. Macauley, b. Ebrahim
Hopkins, run out
Sharp, c. and b. J. Macauley
Wilson, not out
Snell, l.b.w., b. Whitfield
Barton, b. J. Macauley
Jones, c. Jernakoff, b. J. Macauley
Extras (B9, LB5, NB1)

Total 120

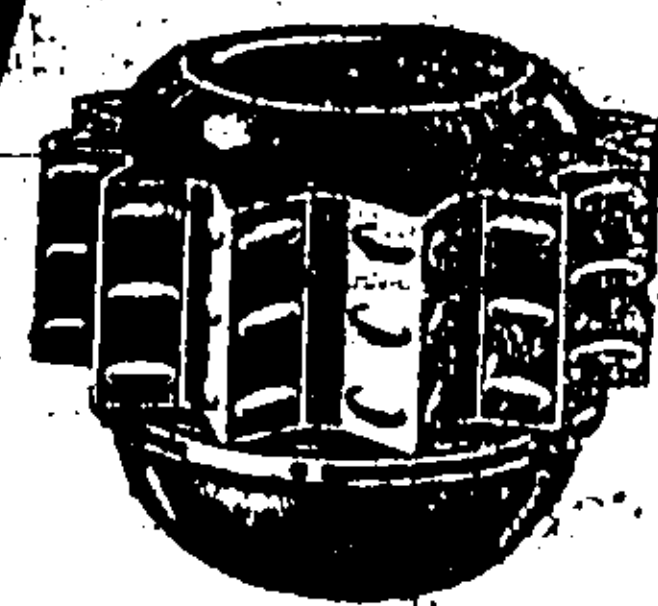
Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Hulse	9	1	39	1
Ebrahim	7	1	43	4
J. Macauley	2	0	22	3
Whitfield	1	0	1	1

Hulse bowled a no-ball.



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WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM SWEEPS THE BALKANS

Yugoslav Coup Stirs Excitement

NEW YUGOSLAV CABINET

The new Yugoslav Cabinet has been completed by General Simovitch, with himself as Prime Minister.

The three members who resigned from the former Cabinet as a protest against the signing of the Axis Pact return to office.

They are M. Kulovetz, who becomes Minister of Public Works, M. Tschubricovitch, who becomes Minister of Agriculture, and M. Budishlevitch, who has resumed office as Minister of Interior.

The Croat leader, Dr. Matich, becomes first Vice-Premier. Although he was a member of the previous Cabinet and a party to adherence to the Axis Pact, he has always opposed subservience to Germany.

All Parties Included

M. Yovanovitch has been appointed second Vice-Premier. He was among those who earlier appealed to Prince Paul against signature of the Axis Pact.

The Cabinet includes representatives of all leading Serb, Croat and Slovene parties.—Reuter.

A WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM AND REJOICING SWEEPED GREECE WHEN THE NEWS OF THE YUGOSLAV REVOLUTION BECAME KNOWN. ATHENS RADIO FOLLOWED ITS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEWS BY BROADCASTING THE YUGOSLAV NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PATRIOTIC SONGS.

Special editions of the Greek newspapers were rushed into the streets.

General opinion in Athens is that the "Yugoslav people have proved worthy of its brave and chivalrous tradition."

Demonstrations of support for the Yugoslavs were general in Salonika. Local Serbian residents showed unrestrained joy and there were also scenes of fervent enthusiasm on the Albanian front.

At points where Greeks and Yugoslavs were in contact, soldiers of the two countries embraced each other and saluted their respective flags.

In Athens itself the news of the coup d'etat was received with great enthusiasm.

Crowds gathered outside the Yugoslav Legation shouting "Long Live King Peter."

Broad Smiles

Men read special editions of the newspapers with trembling hands and strangers in the streets shook hands excitedly.

The King of Greece entered Military Headquarters smiling happily and broad smiles broke out on the faces of his Ministers.

In Washington, the coup d'etat is the sole topic. It is described as the most cheering news since the British and Greek defeats of the Italians.

Matsuoka Rebound

IT IS THOUGHT IN WASHINGTON THAT THIS FIRST MAJOR DIPLOMATIC DEFEAT FOR HITLER WILL BE OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE BALKANS.

It is thought in Washington, for instance, that Hitler demanded the signature by Yugoslavia of the Axis Pact when he did in order to impress Mr. Matsuoka and to induce Japan to enter the war.

Political circles in Washington are of opinion that the Russian support of Turkey, plus the Yugoslav revolt, will, with the fighting spirit of the Greek and British troops in the Balkans, present an array of strength in the Balkans formidable enough to make Hitler pause before launching a large-scale offensive.

In addition, the change in the Yugoslav situation will prove a fatal blow to the Italian forces in Albania!—Reuter.

JACK RILEY ARRESTED IN A RAID

After about four months of freedom, Jack Riley, well-known Shanghai American known as the "slot machine king," who jumped bail on Dec. 4 while facing gambling charges in the U.S. Court, was caught at 9.45 this morning in a raid on a house in Hongkew.

The raiding party consisted of the United States Deputy Marshal, members of the Municipal Police, a number of Japanese consular police and a member of the Japanese Gendarmerie headquarters.

Riley is now being detained pending further proceedings in the U.S. Court for China.

Bail of US\$25,000 was forfeited when Riley failed to appear in court on Dec. 4. He had pleaded guilty to the gambling charges but challenged the U.S. Attorney to prove his American nationality.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Eleven cases of Cholera—four from Victoria, three each from Kowloon and the Harbour and one from the New Territories—were notified yesterday to the Health Authorities, bringing the total to 540.

PLEBISCITE IN YUGOSLAVIA

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Greek and Russian Legations.
International News Service.

The New Premier

General Dusan Simovitch, new Yugoslav Premier, who was born in 1882, is a professional soldier and saw service throughout the war of 1914/18.

In 1928, he became Chief of the Air Force Staff and in 1938 was promoted Chief of the General Staff, later resigning that position owing to a disagreement with Neditch, then Minister of War.

He was reappointed to the post in 1940. General Simovitch is the author of several works on tactics.—British Wireless.

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